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PREFACE

The object of this short history of the village of Clayton and of St. Mary's parish is to revive memories of the past, to preserve valuable facts that were soon to fall into oblivion and to resurrect as it were, hundreds of names and facts all but forgotten by the old people and utterly unknown to the present generation. In presenting this humble volume to the public, I do not pretend to have written a complete history of the village of Clayton, but a simple sketch of its primitive condition, its modest beginnings and its gradual development. As far as the history of St. Mary's parish is concerned the author has written it as completely and accurately as he could with the material at his command, giving the names and characteristics of all the priests who have ministered to the spiritual wants of the Catholics of Clayton, what they did for the parish, and the names of those whom they baptized, married and buried as far back as the parish records will carry us, which is to the year of 1854. The parishoners themselves have not been forgotten, and whatever was found to their credit in the parish books or could be gleaned from the testimony of reliable persons, has been faithfully put down in this unpretentious work.

In preparing this historical sketch, the writer has studied all the histories of Jefferson county and has

consulted many of the old people who had any remembrance of the humble beginnings of Clayton and the gradual formation of St. Mary's parish. This history, therefore, makes no pretention to completeness and extensiveness, but it does claim to be accurate and authentic, as it is based upon the best historical documents available and information supplied by the most trustworthy living witnesses.

Imperfect as this booklet may appear to many, it is with pleasure, that the author dedicates it to his dearly beloved people, as a token of gratitude and esteem for all they have done for God's church and his own humble self.

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PART FIRST.

Historical Sketch of the village of Clayton, N. Y.

CHAPTER I.

The Primitive State of Clayton.—It receives its first name, We-ter-ingh-ra Gu-en-te-re.

To form an accurate idea of the primitive state, the humble beginnings and gradual formation and development of the town of Clayton, let the reader picture to his imagination an immense wilderness that extends from the river St. Lawrence as far back as his fancy will carry him. Nature is here in its rudest and most savage state. There is not a clearing nor a plain, nor a human habitation. In all directions we see but vast fields of high timber, thick brush and wooded marsh. Scarcely do we discern here and there trails beaten down by wild animals. For centuries, this is the undisturbed haunt of the birds of the forest and of wild animals of every description. This boundless forest is inhabited not only by the panther, the bear, the deer and other ferocious beasts known to us, but also by a family of mammoth animals now extinct, but whose skeletons, unearthed here and there in the county, point to their existence, in this region at some period long past.

Then came the indians not yet developed into the barbarous state but still adhering to savagery in its

crudest form. They visit these shores first on fishing and hunting expeditions, but finding this spot of God's earth most suited to their habits and pursuits, game and fish being here in great abundance, they in time settled here permanently. Who they were, whence they came, how many they numbered, how long they lived in peace undisturbed, is a secret of unrecorded history. All we know is, that in time, whether for convenience sake or through necessity to protect themselves against intruders, they built a fort on the very shores of our French Creek. Whether in the meantime, long or shortly afterwards I know not, the Algonquins or Adirondacks settled northeast of the Thousand Islands and the Iroquois or Five Nations took possession of that immense tract of land that extends from Lake Ontario to Split Rock on Lake Champlain, and the St. Lawrence River formed the boarder line between the two nations. These five Iroquois tribes called the Mohawks, the Oneidas, the Onondagas, the Cayugas and Senecas divided this territory among themselves and this northern part of New York State, including Jefferson County, was allotted to the Oneidas. These soon felt hostile towards the indians located on French Creek, took possession of their fort and drove them away. This is the first indian invasion in this part of the world recorded in history, and it gave our village its first name, We-ter-ingh-ra Gu-en-te re, which means fallen fort.

Algonquins and Iroquois, according to tradition lived long in peace together; but a joint and unhappy hunting

expedition of the young Iroquois and Algonquins, in which they quarrelled and massacred one another, brought about a war like animosity between the two tribes that never after completely died out. Thus it was, that when Samuel de Champlain explored this end of the St. Lawrence river, he found the Iroquois and Algonquins, engaged in a war of extermination. Champlain took sides with the Algonquins, formed an alliance with them against the Iroquois, and by this unwise course made the latter the deadly enemies of the French for ever after.

The Oneidas remained the sole possessors of our town and County until the year 1788, when they ceded this territory and all lands north of Oneida Lake and Wood Creek to New York State, reserving the right of fishing and hunting and a few individual grants, among them a tract of land ten miles square to Peter Penet, a Frenchman from Nantes, France. This treaty is known in history as the Onondaga Treaty and was signed at Fort Schuyler on the twelfth of September, 1788, by four squaws, the chiefs of the Oneida nation and the officials of New York State.

Here we have a proof that the Iroquois had already emerged from the state of savagery to the milder stage of barbarism, in the fact that both men and women associated to convey a land title. In the savage stage, inheritance is solely in the female line and women alone can sign away real estate.

CHAPTER II.

Clayton receives its second name.—It is visited by white people for the first time.

From the signing of the Onondaga Treaty, a new name was given to our town and a new epoch opened for it. Pierre Penet, who witnessed the signing of the Onondaga Treaty, chose the land reserved for him by the Onondagas for services rendered to their tribe, in the territory now known as the towns of Clayton and Orleans. One corner of his ten miles square started near the creek where Andrew Simard's dwelling house is now located. The fact that this tract of land, situated on the creek, was owned by a Frenchman, gave our town its second name, "French Creek". This was its sole name up to 1823 and it has clung to our village for over a century, it being still used from time to time by the old inhabitants of the surrounding towns.

Three years after the Onondaga Treaty, June 22, 1791, a certain Alexander McComb of New York, Acting as a land agent of a company, bought from the State of New York the greater part of Franklin, the whole of St. Lawrence, excepting the ten towns of Massena, the whole of Jefferson, excepting Penet's ten miles square and Tibbet's Point (600 acres), the whole of Lewis and a part of Oswego Counties at eight pence,

which is equivalent to sixteen cents per acre. This tract of land is known as McComb's purchase and like that of Penet's Square was divided and subdivided, was bought and sold again and again, was passed from one purchaser's hands into another's, and thus a long chain of titles too tedious to mention in this short history is recorded in the state books and extends down to the actual settlers. Nevertheless, I may state that the greater part of Penet's Square, after diverse trusts and conveyances, came into the hands of John Lafarge of Havre, France, who in time sold out to the actual settlers or their fathers.

All through these transactions, French Creek remained uninhabited and as Dr. Hough, the first historian of Jefferson County says: "In 1799 there was but a single log hut in this town, probably that of some lumber thieves, who plundered the frontier without restraint or limit during many years before anyone appeared to show title." Nevertheless, we can reasonably suppose that the French catholics who did so much towards exploring and settling this portion of the world, a veritable earthly paradise, have time and again set foot on our soil.

It was a French Catholic, Jacques Cartier, who discovered and christened our beautiful river in 1535, after the name of a canonized saint of the catholic church St. Laurent, (St. Lawrence). It was a French catholic, the noted Samuel de Champlain, who was the first white man to set foot on and traverse a part of our county in

1615, when, accompanied by the Hurons and Algonquins, he made an invasion into the territory of the Iroquois at Onondaga near Syracuse. It was the catholic french explorers who named our islands, "Mille Isles," not because they counted them and found a thousand, but because they appeared to them as though there might be that number. It was the french catholics who started the first settlement in this county on Carleton Island, in the beginning of the eighteenth century; for a jesuit priest, Father Charlevoix, wrote in 1721 that Carleton Island, which they then called "Ile aux Chevreaux," was then settled by them. Many French Generals went through this territory, the most prominent being DeCourcelle, Francois de Salignac de Fenelon, half brother of the Archbishop of Cambrai, Count de Frontenac, De la Barre, Marquis de Nonville, M. de Villers, Montcalm, Chevallier de Levis et Ponchot. The first road that traversed our town and village was likewise built by French enterprise in 1808 under the supervision of Rodolp Tillier. Our village was first laid out in plots by a French catholic, James Le Ray de Chaumont, soon after the war of 1812, and from him received its third name, Cornelia. Cape Vincent, Rosiere, Chaumont, Le Raysville, Theresa, Alexandria Bay, Lafargeville were all named after French catholics.

In all probability the first white lumbermen whom all histories of Jefferson County call lumber thieves were also Frenchmen, either from Canada or from the French settlement at High Falls. In all their expeditions and

settlements, the French were accompanied by catholic missionaries, for the main object of the French explorers was not so much to discover new lands and take possession of new countries in the name of the king, as it was to propagate the catholic faith and secure the conversion of the poor indians; and let it be said to their credit, they did all in their power to help the zealous missionaries to bring about the evangelization of the indian race. Bearing these facts in mind, it is not unlikely that not only the shores of the St. Lawrence, but even that of our bay and creek, were frequently visited by the French missionaries. Carleton Island is only a short distance from Clayton and we can reasonably suppose that the missionaries attached to that settlement, and who burned with zeal for the conversion of the aborigines, employed their time visiting the surrounding indian tribes. Thus it was, that perhaps long before the white people thought of settling in our town and village the French missionaries had already preached the word of God on this soil. If our shores could echo the past we might hear the instructive catechism lessons and the edifying sermons preached to the children of the forest.

The salutary waters of baptism may have regenerated many tattooed foreheads long before any lay christian appeared in this neighborhood. Our virginal forests may have re-echoed the beautiful catholic hymns long before any white layman set foot on this wooded land.

This we may call the speculative but probable history of our village; but we know for certain, that as early as

1793, another French settlement was started near High Falls, now Lyon Falls, and ever since, French catholics have either frequently visited or inhabited our town and village, occupied either in building the French Company Road from the St. Lawrence river to High Falls, or cutting timber, clearing the land, trading, trapping, fishing or hunting. We therefore owe a debt of gratitude to the French catholics for discovering, exploring and settling this part and other parts of the country, and catholics should feel perfectly at home in all this territory.

CHAPTER III.

The First White Inhabitants of Clayton, N. Y.—
Captain Bartlett and the French Trapper.—The
Squatters and Smugglers of the Early History of
Clayton.

The first human inhabitants of Clayton, were undoubtedly indians, and the first white people were lumbermen. All the historians of Jefferson County whom I have read, call these woodcutters lumber thieves. With all due respect for their opinion, I cannot agree with them on this point. When all circumstances are considered, I think that the harsh name of lumber thieves could be replaced by the more gratifying appellation of forerunners of colonization, without deviating from the grounds of historical accuracy. Thieves are those who take the property of others by stealth. Such was not the conduct of these lumbermen. Their work was done in the open daylight and neither by stealth nor by force. They probably came here from the surrounding French and Canadian settlements and found a great quantity of timber, but no proprietor, no known title, no accredited agent and they therefore looked upon this wooded land as free. The distance to the seat of state government was immense. There was no road, nor even beaten track to Albany, New York.

The government did not own this timber land and was unconcerned about protecting it. The owners themselves must have cared very little for their property, when they did not look after it, nor appoint agents to manage it in their name. Had there been land agents in the neighborhood, the lumbermen would undoubtedly have contracted with them as they do in all parts of the country. Therefore, although I have to admit that the action of these lumbermen was a material theft, yet if we consider their intention and the circumstances surrounding them, we cannot stigmatize them with the harsh appellation of formal "lumber thieves." Uncontrollable circumstances and stern necessity made them material thieves and nothing more.

The next white people whom tradition and history mention as among the first inhabitants of our town, are Captain Bartlett and a Frenchman whose name tradition has not handed down to us. The former settled on Bartlett Point, now Prospect Park, in 1801, and the latter about the same date, or a year after, on the banks of French Creek, probably on the farm now occupied by John Barrett. Captain Bartlett's occupation was to run a ferry between Bartlett Point and Gananoque, while the Frenchman spent his time trapping, fishing and hunting. These two solitary inhabitants did not remain long in this vicinity. About a year after he came to French Creek, the Frenchman was found dead and was buried by Captain Bartlett, who, shortly after burned his own log house and went to live in more congenial quarters.

The third class of white people who inhabited our village and its surroundings, were squatters. Of these, tradition has handed down only two names: Simon and Jared White (probably Leblanc). Squatters began to come here about 1806, and as the land had no known proprietor and no resident agent, they considered it free, occupied it, cut down the good timber, cleared it and began to till the soil. None of these pioneers had a lawful title to the land, and many of them had but a temporary interest in their new farms, deriving from them as much profit as they could, but without any desire of dwelling on them permanently. Yet, when the real owners of the land or their agents came, several squatters remained, whilst others left, being unable or unwilling to satisfy the demands of the proprietary.

The fourth-class of white inhabitants in this village were smugglers and contrabandists who came here during the embargo and non-intercourse period of 1807 and 1808. At that time, French Creek became a noted rendezvous for smugglers, who imported liquors and goods of all kinds, and exported potash in great quantity. The French road between High Falls and French Creek was built in 1808 and this new route facilitated the illegal importations and exportations of contraband goods in and out of Canada. As smugglers could cross the river in boats in the summer and on ice in the winter, the authorities found it impossible for a long time to completely guard this frontier against contrabandism, so they contented themselves with watching the roads in

the interior and intercepted such contraband goods as they could discover.

This abnormal and unsettled condition of things continued in our town until after the close of the war of 1812, when actual and permanent settlement was begun in earnest and with success.

CHAPTER IV.

First Lumber Business Legally Started in the Vicinity of French Creek.—A Small Conflict of the War of 1812.—This Village is laid out into Building Lots and Receives its Third Name, Cornelia.—First Settlers at French Creek after the War of 1812.—Washington Island Becomes Inhabited.

Shortly before the war of 1812, James Donation Le Ray de Chaumont, then owner of this portion of the town of Clayton, granted to Captain Noadiah Hubbard and Richard Cummings the right to cut lumber in this vicinity. A vast business was done by them in the year 1812, but in this year the war broke out and Captain Hubbard was called back to Champion to take command of his company and militia.

French Creek witnessed only a small conflict in the war of 1812. The advance of General Wilkinson's army under the command of Gen. Brown, arrived at French Creek on the afternoon of November 1, 1813, where and when it was attacked by a British force of two sloops, two schooners and a strong infantry force in boats. Captain McPherson with a battery of 18 pounders took position on Bartlett's Point, and returned the fire of the enemy, who were repulsed, but who renewed

the attack the following morning, when again they were defeated and forced to abandon their purpose. Two Americans were killed and four wounded, while the loss of the British must have been much heavier.

One year after this war, in 1813, there was no evidence of a village at French Creek other than the abandoned shanties of Captain Noadiah Hubbard and Richard Cummings, who had been engaged in the lumber business the year before. Nevertheless the sagacious foresight of James D. LeRay saw in this locality a grand field for future enterprise and an ideal site for a prosperous village. Therefore, shortly after the war, he had the land on which our village stands, laid out into plots, but because he was engaged in like enterprises in other more fully settled localities he did not offer his lots for sale till 1822, when he was compelled to sell them, in order to safeguard his interests.

About that time, Colonel Camp conceived the idea of laying out a village plot on Washington Island. Consequently, in 1824, he began the construction of a bridge between that point and the main land. As this new place would have been detrimental to LeRay's interests, the latter decided to place his village lots on the market and gave our village its third name, Cornelia, in honor of Madame Cornelia Juhel of France. This explains why William H. Angel, who was the first one to settle here after the war of 1812, and who began lumbering on an extensive scale and opened the first store in 1819, was compelled to locate a short distance above the vill-

age site, as James LeRay would not sell him any lot in our present village.

William Angel was followed to French Creek by Martin Herrick and Stephen Wethebee, who settled here in 1820. The following year, in 1821, Martin Herrick built the first log house, and the first frame house was erected in 1824 by Colonel James Smith, a collector of customs.

Cornelia soon had three stores, a tavern kept by Hiram Davis, a post office in 1823, and several other houses for dwelling purposes. The population increased so fast, that in 1825 the inhabitants were already able to build their first schoolhouse.

About the same time, a few people located on Washington Island; they were James Carey, Joseph Cartier, Harry Hoyt who kept a tavern, Martin Herrick, Joseph Webb and a few others. Herrick and Webb built a saw mill in Carrier's Bay and kept store on Washington Island.

CHAPTER V.

Rapid Growth of Cornelia.—Its Successive Industries.

—Our Village Receives its Fourth and last Name, Clayton, in 1831.—The Town of Clayton is Formed.

—The First Town Meeting and the First Town Election.—Clayton Village is Incorporated in 1872 and Holds its First Village Elections.

From the year our village received its third name, Cornelia, in 1823, its growth was rapid, healthful and permanent, owing to a large business in lumbering, rafting and ship building, carried on first by William H. Angel, then by Smith & Angel, Martin Herriek, Smith & Herriek, E. G. Merriek & Co., in 1828, and later on by Fowler & Esselstyn, Simon G. Johnston and Thomas Rees. The ship building industry was started in 1832 by Smith & Herriek and was conducted on a large scale for over fifty years, but is now reduced to a few individuals whose business is not to build large vessels, but to build skiffs and small craft of every description. In 1887 the firm of A. Bain & Co. was formed and carried on the business of ship building for a few years, then was replaced by the St. Lawrence River Skiff, Canoe and Steam Launch Co., which moved to Ogdensburg in 1895.

Clayton owes its growth, development and prosperity to these different firms and individuals, who by their energetic and successful enterprises, drew people here from all parts of the United States, Canada and Ireland.

Following are the names of a few who came here between the years 1820 and 1840:

John Rector, James F. Angel, R. G. Angel, Chauncey Pierce, Mrs. Thomas S. Reade, Aaron and Luther Eddy, Nura Bates, Dr. Amos Ellis, Mrs. Louisa C. Carey, Henry Elliot, Dan Porter, Wm. Johnston, Perry Caswell, John Johnston. All these were protestants.

Among catholics I find, Paschal Bedard, Joseph Belanger, Perrault, John Pike, Joseph Cartier, C. Picard, Francis St. Amand, Paul Desselerets, Moses Lefebvre, Juillet Rhodrigue, Amos Pilon, Peter Girard, John Bertrand, Frederic Campbell, Martin Kennedy, Thomas Brennan, Thomas Delaney, Terrance McLaughlin, Wm. Hayes, John Tierney, Joseph Mason, Peter Rolland, Joseph Thibault, Thomas O'Flynn, Michael LeClure, Patrick Cantwell, Edward Conlon, John Smith and Richard Forestale.

The name Cornelia was changed to that of Clayton in 1831 in honor of John W. Clayton, U. S. Senator from Delaware. This change of name was made for the sake of politics. John W. Clayton was a whig and as the majority in the town were whigs they named their village after him. Yet, the town of Clayton was formed only in 1833, and the village of Clayton was incorporated only in 1872.

The first town meeting was held in the house of Isaac L. Carter, June 4th, 1833, and the first officers elected were: Hubbell Fox, Supervisor; B. F. Faxton, Clerk; Gordon Caswell and Stephen Martin, Justices of the Peace; Jesse Noyes, Abraham Burdick, Bariah Carpenter, Jr., Assessors; Caleb Closson and James Barney, overseers of the poor; Samuel P. Payne, Llyod B. Farrar, (or Trover), Elkonah Corbin, commissioners of highways; Alfred Fox, John Consaul, jr.; and Joseph Mason, commissioners of schools; Jonah Farrar, David Baker and B. F. Faxton, inspectors of common schools; Erastus Warner, collector; Erastus Monroe, T. Haskell, Sydney Spencer and Eldridge T. Tilton, constables.

The first village election was held at the Walton House, May 8th, 1872, and the following were elected; Elijah McCarn, president; S. G. Johnston, Wm. Hawes and S. D. Johnston, trustees; Stephen Hale, treasurer; Charles M. Marshal, collector; C. H. Ross, clerk.

The railroad was built in 1873.

CHAPTER VI.

The First Church Built in Clayton.—The District Schools.—The Patriot War of 1837.—The Fire of June 6th, 1856.—The Civil War of 1861.

The first church built in Clayton was the Methodist Episcopal in 1840. Six years previous to the above date Mr. Pliny Caswell organized a Sunday school class and became its superintendant. During all these years, frequent meetings were held in the schoolhouses and in private dwellings, but not till 1840 was the society regularly organized. In that year, they built a church which is still standing and used by the society. But in 1881 and in 1888 the edifice was so materially rebuilt and enlarged, that no one would recognize the old church in this new one. Previous to 1855 there were two school districts in the village, divided by James street, and two school buildings. One of these was made of brick and stood where D. D. Butts' house is now located. The other was of stone and was erected on the lot on which the present school house stands. On account of certain difficulties, which it is useless to mention here, these school districts remained divided until November 1867 when a union school was founded and part of the present building constructed. To render this union school still more efficient, the people of Clay-

ton in 1888 had it incorporated into a union free school and academy which has had many rivals since, but no superior in the county.

Clayton also contributed its share of notoriety to the Patriot war of 1837 and 1838. Patriots from both sides of the border lines rendezvoused at Clayton and made preparations to attack Kingston whilst the St. Lawrence was bridged over with ice. The arsenal at Watertown was broken into on the night of February 19, 1838, and 400 stands of arms were taken. The arsenals at Batavia and Elizabethtown were also plundered. On the 20th of February recruits of patriots came to Clayton from all parts of Jefferson county and adjacent counties and brought with them a large supply of arms and ammunition consisting of 1000 stands of arms, 20 barrels of cartridges and a large store of provisions. "These robbers generally acknowledged Gen. Rensselaer Van Rensselaer as their leader. They openly avowed their intention of crossing the St. Lawrence on the ice and of making a lodgement at Gananoque, from whence to attack Kingston. There was neither organization nor discipline in this motley crowd and between those that assumed the lead, there were mutual jealousies and a want of plan, that neutralized every operation." "The weather was intensely cold, no provision had been made for their shelter and the men suffered from exposure. On the 22nd of Feb. a portion repaired on foot and in ships to Hickory Island, in British waters, about seven miles above Clayton, and there a difficulty arose

about the command, which threw a damper on the whole affair. On calling for volunteers to proceed, 83 appeared at the 1st, 71 at the 2nd, and 35 at the 3rd call; then acting upon the maxim, 'Every man for himself', the crowd dispersed, the officers with the greatest difficulty retaining men enough to remove the arms they had taken over".

Foolish as this invasion of Canada may appear, another attempt, not less hazardous and ridiculous, was made by a Claytonian and thirteen of his followers. On the night of May 30th, 1838, Bill Johnson, ever since called "The Hero of the Thousand Islands," with a party of thirteen men, painted like indians, and armed with muskets and bayonets, rushed on board the British steamer Sir Robert Peel, that was taking wood at McDonnell's wharf on the south side of Wellesley Island, yelling and shouting, "Remember the Caroline". The night was dark and rainy. The passengers, 19 in number, who were asleep in their berths, were greatly alarmed. They and the crew were hastily driven ashore, the boat then pushed out into the river and set on fire.

This event created the greatest excitement on both sides of the river, and the inhabitants of Clayton were frightened by the threats of the British, who proclaimed that unless Bill Johnson was delivered into their hands, Clayton would be plundered, pillaged and burnt to ashes. Fearing more trouble, Governor Marcy of New York and the Governor of Canada, then the Earl of Durham, offered large rewards for the arrest and conviction of the persons concerned in the crime.

After baffling all efforts at pursuit for six or seven months, tired of hiding, Bill Johnson gave himself up to the authorities, who sentenced him to one year in jail and fined him \$250. After six months imprisonment he escaped, remaining concealed until tranquility was restored. Then he sought and obtained pardon from President Harrison.

The next important event worth recording in this short history, is the fire of June 6, 1856. Nearly all the mercantile portion of this town was burnt to ashes in this conflagration. Thousands of dollars worth of unprotected property was destroyed. But the business men were not disheartened and with promptness and energy, put up more attractive and substantial buildings and thus Clayton arose from its ashes practically a new town. Success has attended these business men ever since, and they are now rated among the most prosperous merchants in the county.

One of the most exciting events in the history of Clayton, is the civil war of 1861-1865. Fathers and mothers shed tears. Women and effeminate men were terrorized. Many parents advised their children to run away to Canada. Wives in large number begged of their husbands to escape. As a consequence of these earnest and touching appeals, many womanish Claytonians fled, crossed the lines and lived in Canada until Lincoln's proclamation of pardon, with the only obligation to report to the Provost Marshal of their district. These were called skedaddlers. To add to the excite-

ment that prevailed at the time, the recruiting officers paraded the streets with drum corps, gathered crowds and held meetings. In this way, they would create general enthusiasm and get the men to enlist. Many of these officers were insulted and abused by wives and mothers, because they enticed their sons or husbands to go to war. These insults were taken in good part and laughed at.

There was a guard house on Mrs. Bridget Delaney's property where volunteers enlisted.

Mich Cantwell made great efforts to form a company of which he would have become captain, but he found only sixty recruits and on that account did not go to the war.

Yet all in Clayton were not cowards; many bravely faced the fire and volunteered to serve their country, and if need be, to crimson the fields of the south with their blood in order to preserve the integrity of the Union.

Among the volunteers are the following. The letter w after the name, indicates they were wounded and the † they were killed. For this list I am indebted to John B. Bazinet.

1861

Geo. Donais
Louis Donais
Joseph Leroux, †
Peter Denis, †
Collin
Joseph Gauthier

F. Gervais
Wm. Knight, w
Wm. Desrosiers
Charles Classen, w
E. E. Porter
C. F. Blanchard

James Ratchford
W. N. Smith
Judson Carter
Tom Graves, †
Sam Graves, †

1862

F. Favreau, w
James Cosselman
L. W. Eddy
Geo. Collins
H. J. Spalsbery
C. T. Nunn
M. Vandewalker

Wm. Joles
H. W. Moore
Charles Hutchinson
Patrick Kanaley
H. J. Gibbons
Robert Delay
John Fitzgerald, †

James Denis, †
Tom Rushlow
Ed. Rushlow, w
Grot. Reid
Milo Estis
Angel
Burton
L. Marcellus, w

1863

Joseph Girard
Joseph Langevin
John Turcot
Peter Mayer
James Daniels

Joseph Brabant, w
Geo. Collins
John Cook
J. Jenkins, w
W. D. Parish

J. Grandie, †
G. Farr
Fred Baltz
John Green, w
Dan Spalsbury
Tom Collins

1864

John Bazinet, w
Dennis Dufford
Ed. Cartier
Alex. Delmarse
F. R. McGraw
Alex. Dubois
Peter Delmarse

Wm. McKay
Alex. Menard
S. V. Frame
J. W. Thompson
Jos. Toxuse
D. D. Butts, w

J. H. Taylor
Ed. Collins
O. Rice
A. J. Snell
Justin Collin
Walter Ellis
Geo. Youngs, †

1865

Joshua Calhoun

PART SECOND.

Complete History of St. Mary's Parish, Clayton, N. Y.

Clergy That Attended to the Spiritual Wants of the Catholics of St. Mary's Parish, Clayton, N. Y.

Caissy, Rev. Father, from Ogdensburg, attended once in 1833 and once in 1834.

Gilbride, Rev. Michael, from Carthage, attended once in 1835.

Daly, Rev. John B., O. S. B., from Watertown, attended several times in 1836.

Guth, Rev. Francis, from Rosiere, attended at regular intervals in 1837.

Guth, Rev. Francis, from Lafargeville Seminary, attended at regular intervals from 1838 to 1843.

O'Dowd, Rev. John, from Watertown, attended once a month in 1844.

Guth, Rev. Michael, from Rosiere, attended once a month from 1845 to 1850.

Sheehan, Rev. Maurice, from Watertown, attended several times in 1850.

Guth, Rev. Michael, from Rosiere, attended at regular intervals in 1851 and in 1852.

Guth, Rev. Michael, resided at Clayton 1853 until June 1861.

Clarke, Rev. Michael, from Carthage, attended from July 4th, 1861 to August 1862.

Van Campenhant, Rev. Francis, from Watertown, attended from Aug. 1862 to Oct. 1862.

Harney, Rev. Luke, from Watertown, attended from Oct. 1862 to Oct. 1863.

Sherry, Rev. James J., first term resided at Clayton from Oct. 1863 to Nov. 1867.
de Saunhae, Rev. Paul, resided at Clayton from Dec. 1867 to July '73.
Perret, Rev. Father, from Rosiere, attended from July 1873 to Jan. '74.
Arents, Rev. T., resided at Clayton from Jan. 1874 to Aug. '75.
Craven, Rev. John, resided at Clayton from Aug. 1875 to Feb. '76.
Rossiter, Rev. Wm., from Redwood, attended from March 1876 to June '76.
Brown, Rev. M. J., resided at Clayton from Aug. 1876 to July '77.
Sherry, Rev. J. J., second term resided at Clayton from June 1877 to July '83.
Smith, Rev. James, resided at Clayton from July 1883 to Aug. '83.
Brice, Rev. E. G., resided at Clayton from Sept. 1883 to March '95.
Garand, Rev. P. S., has resided at Clayton from March 1895 to the present date, Sept. 1902.

ASSISTANT PRIESTS.

Plunkett, Rev. Thomas, from Nov. 1878 to Nov. '79.
O'Neill, Rev. Michael, from June 1881 to Aug. '82.
Carragher, Rev. B., from April 1883 to July '83.
Derome, Rev. J. E., from Jan. 1899 to May 1902.
Mayer, Rev. H., from July 1902 to the present date, Sept. 1902.

CHAPTER I.

The Origin of St. Mary's Parish.—Fathers Caissy,
Gilbride and Daly.

The Second Part of this History will undoubtedly prove to be the more interesting to catholics, as it treats solely of the origin and gradual development of St. Mary's Parish, and at the same time, gives the characteristics of all the priests who have had charge of St. Mary's church, and the names of those whom they baptized, married and buried.

No known priest visited Clayton before the year 1833. It is possible that Father Simon, who attended Rosiere and Carthage in 1832, may have come to Clayton during that year, either on sick calls, to say mass, or for some other purpose, yet there is no record of such a visit and the oldest people have no recollection of this pioneer missionary.

In the year 1833, Thomas Brennan, who was a devoted catholic, wrote to Rev. James Salmon of Ogdensburg, to inform him of the fact that thirteen children in Clayton had not yet been regenerated in the salutary waters of baptism, and he begged him to send a priest to christen them. Father Salmon willingly acceded to this appeal full of faith and pathos and sent a certain Father

Caissy, who has the honor of being the first known priest that visited Clayton and performed some ministerial work.

He baptized the thirteen children, said mass in John Tiernan's house, heard confession and distributed holy communion to all the catholics then living in Clayton.

In 1834, Thomas Brennan wrote again to Father Salmon of Ogdensburg to kindly come to Clayton in order to marry him. Father Salmon again sent Father Caissy in his stead. The latter said mass at Thomas Delaney's, baptized the children that had been born since his last visit, administered the sacraments of penance and holy Eucharist, then went to Brownville where he married Thomas Brennan to Mary Cantwell of that place.

The second priest to visit Clayton, was Rev. Michael Gilbride of Carthage in 1835. Like his predecessor, he came at the request of Thomas Brennan. He said mass in the home of the latter, preached, baptized a few children and heard confession of all the catholics of this place, who were then very devout.

The third priest to attend Clayton was Rev. John B. Daly, O. S. B., of Watertown, in 1836. He came to this place quite a number of times, and said mass alternately at John Tiernan's, Thomas Brennan's, Thomas Delaney's and William Hayes'. Father Daly took a great interest in the little catholic flock of Clayton, and would stay here three or four days on each of his visits, employing his time in teaching the old and the young.

The three above mentioned priests died long ago. May they rest in peace.

CHAPTER II.

The First Church is Built.—Rev. Fr. Francis Guth.
—The Seminary at Lafargeville.

The fourth priest who attended Clayton, was Rev. Fr. Francis Guth of Rosiere, in 1837. He came at regular intervals, said mass a few times at John Tiernan's and Thomas Brennan's, then rented the upper part of Nathan Tucker's house. This apartment was used during the entire summer of 1837 by the catholics, as a place of worship.

In 1838, Right Rev. Bishop, John Hughes of New York city, bought John Lafarge's residence at Lafargeville, together with the farm on which it is built, and converted it into a seminary. Father Francis Guth of Rosiere was appointed its first president, and he took up his residence in the seminary. In his arduous work of teaching; Fr. Guth was assisted by the Rev. Fathers Moran of New Jersey, Mark Murphy, Hoes and James Dougherty of New York. About fifteen students studied there annually. Father James Mackey, who died in Ogdensburg, and Father Sylvester Malone, who died in Brooklyn, both studied in the Lafargeville Seminary.

As this ecclesiastical institution was far from all railroad stations, the nearest being Watertown, about

eighteen miles away, it was not a success, and therefore was closed in 1843. This was, properly speaking, the first ecclesiastical seminary of the diocese of N. Y. There was, it is true, another one started at Nyack at an earlier date, namely in 1833; but it was destroyed by fire before it was ever completed. The farm buildings were used as a temporary seminary, pending the completion of the main building, but this incipient institution never emerged from its embryonic stage, as it never had more than five students in theology and two professors, Rev. J. McGarry, President, and Rev. John McClaskey, Assistant.

After a few years trial, Archbishop Hughes was convinced that the Lafargeville Seminary was a failure, and he used every effort to have John Lafarge take back his residence, but as the latter refused, he sent his brother Patrick Hughes to occupy the building and to till the farm. Patrick Hughes died there in 1852, but his family continued to live on the farm until about 21 years ago. Mrs. Eugene Kelley, the millionaire, who died in New York city a few years ago, and who left to the Catholic Cathedral of N.Y., a bequest of \$250,000.00 to build a lady chapel, was a daughter of Patrick Huges. The latter, his wife, a child and grand-children are buried in our cemetery.

As soon as the seminary at Lafargeville was opened in September 1838, the catholic people of Clayton went there to mass, and continued to attend divine services in that institution for a few years. But as Thomas Bren-

nan was the only catholic in town who owned a team of horses, the other people were obliged to walk seven miles to mass, or use oxen, and as this was found somewhat inconvenient at certain times of the year, Father Francis Guth was asked by the catholics of Clayton to come and say mass in their village, at stated intervals, as he had formerly done, when stationed at Rosiere. To this request Father Guth gladly acceded. From that time, he said mass at John Tiernan's and at Thomas Brennan's, but more frequently in the brick school house, erected on the lot now occupied by D. D. Butt's residence, and in the stone school house which stood on the site of the present one.

Father Francis Guth was instrumental in starting the building of the old frame church which is now used for an opera house. He took up three subscriptions at different periods. On the first, Thomas Brennan signed \$80.00, Terrance McLaughlin \$50.00, Patrick Cautwell \$50.00, Thomas Delaney \$50.00, William Hayes \$40.00, Edward Conlon \$30.00, E. G. Merrick (Prot.) \$50.00, Thomas Fowler (Prot.) \$50.00.

Vincent LeRay de Chaumont donated two building lots, viz. the church and rectory lots to St. Mary's congregation.

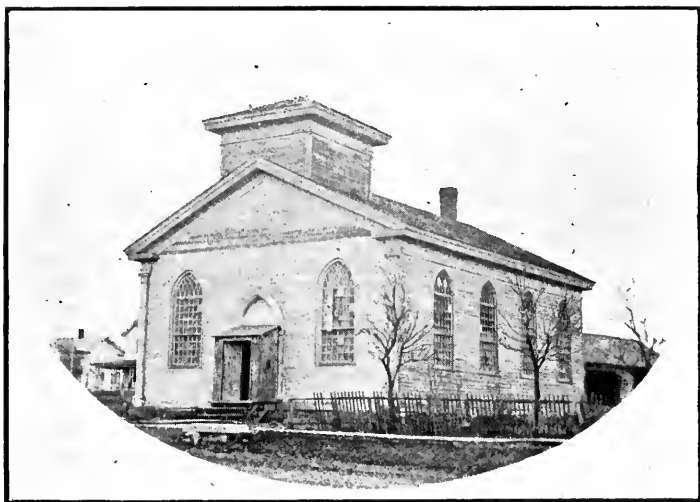
The lumber for the church was bought at Carthage and at Brownville, the lime at Dexter, (then Fisher's Island), and all the material for the church was drawn by Thomas Brennan, who, as stated before, owned the only team of horses among the catholics of Clayton.

This devoted man—may his memory long live—would start in the evening, traveling all night, and returning the following day at an advanced hour. When we consider the poor roads then prevailing and the long distance travelled, this gentleman's work must be called heroic, and his devotedness to religion unbounded.

The church was started in the winter of 1842. Mass was celebrated in it the following fall, but it was only enclosed and far from being completed either inside or outside.

Thomas Delaney got out the timber for the church. William Hayes and Patrick Cantwell dug the foundations and built the cellar walls. Daniel Delaney of Ogdensburg drew the plans and built the church. Edward Conlon and John Cantwell did the lathing.

The church, when completed, cost between twelve and fifteen hundred dollars, a large sum in those days. After it was enclosed, the people spoke about leaving it in this unfinished condition, but Father Guth loaned them \$300.00, and with a few subscriptions they completed the edifice. When finished, the whole debt on the church was \$300 due Father Guth and over a hundred dollars due Thomas Brennan. It was said, that whilst the church was being built, Thomas Brennan neglected his own work at home to help along the work on the new church, that he subscribed more money than his means allowed him, and that in consequence he was obliged to mortgage his farm, which mortgage he never afterwards redeemed, and that he lost his property on



OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUILT IN 1842 AND USED TILL DECEMBER 1889.

account of the church. I am happy to be able to state the true facts in the case. Thomas Brennan's farm was indeed mortgaged and part of it sold by the sheriff, but not on account of the church, as he was paid in full, or very nearly so, under Father Michael Guth's pastorate, by Messrs Thomas O. Flynn and Joseph Thibault, then trustees of the church. Fortunately, the latter always preserved Thomas Brennan's receipts for money received in payment of what St. Mary's church owed him, which receipts I now have in my possession. As regards Father Francis Guth's \$300.00, they were paid to his brother, Rev. Michael Guth, several years after.

Father Francis Guth said mass in the new church as soon as it was enclosed, but not after it was completed, for he left in 1843 and the church was finished and dedicated only in 1844.

From here Fr. F. Guth went to Watertown, from thence to Buffalo, and finally to France, where he died. The reputation of sanctity, or self sacrifice which this zealous priest left after him, has never been obliterated in the minds of those who knew him, and to this day, they venerate and bless his memory as that of a true apostle of God.

Father Francis Guth was born in Alsace-Lorraine on the lines between Germany and France. He came to this country in the thirties, when he was considerably advanced in age. He was first located at Holy Trinity church, Philadelphia, Pa., then he took charge of Rosiere in 1837, from which place he attended Clayton. In

1838 he was appointed president of the seminary at Lafargeville and became pastor of the whole of Jefferson County, excepting Watertown and a few other places under the care of the priest at Carthage.

Father Francis Guth was tall and stout, had a dark complexion, was very neat, dressed well, was a good speaker, a skilfull financier, was kind, meek, pious, and most charitable towards the poor. May he be eternally blessed for all he did for the catholics of Clayton and the surrounding parishes. It is to be regretted that no records of baptisms and marriages performed by Father Francis Guth can be found.

CHAPTER III.

The Church is Completed.—Dedication of the New Church by Bishop John McCloskey.—Rev. John O'Dowd.

The fifth priest to visit Clayton, was Rev. John O'Dowd of Watertown. He had charge of this mission, when the new church was dedicated by Right Rev. Bishop J. McCloskey, in 1844. This was the first time Clayton welcomed a bishop, and a large class was confirmed, among whom Mrs. B. Delaney and Mrs. Thomas O. Flynn who are still living.

Rev. Father O'Dowd came here every month for over a year, but made no attempt to pay the debt on the church.

He was tall and stout, had black curly hair, was a very fine looking man, a good speaker, lively in conversation, but was not blessed with a large share of patience, and few there were who dared cross his way.

In those days, St. Mary's church was so poor and denuded that it did not own a single chair, and poor Father O'Dowd was obliged to sit on a block of wood whenever he heard confessions. He is now dead, but I know not where his ashes repose.

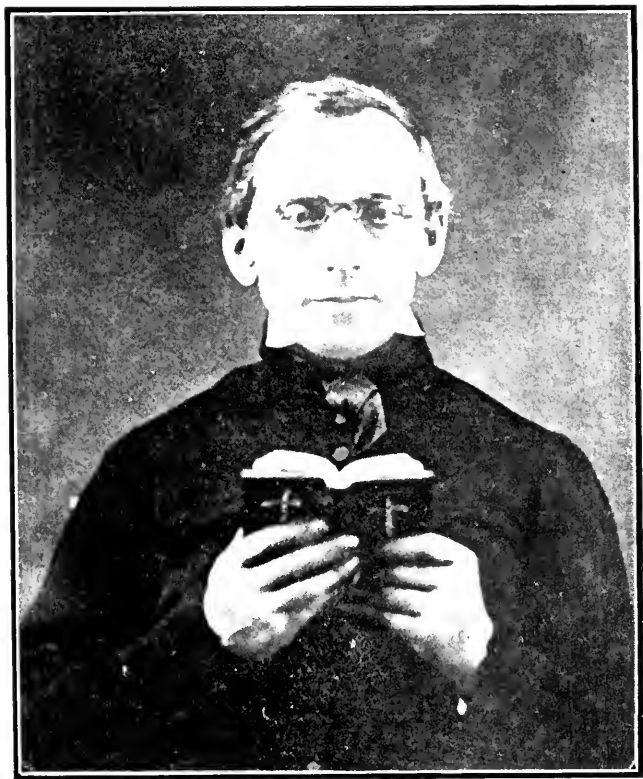
Father O'Dowd married Joseph Thibault, Sr., to Henrietta Bertrand, Nov. 3rd, 1845.

CHAPTER IV.

Father M. Guth Takes Charge of Clayton.—Father Maurice Sheehan of Watertown.—A Third Building Lot is Given by Vincent LeRay.—The Rectory, Barn and Catholic School House are Built.—St. John's Church at Lafargeville is Erected in 1849.—The First Catholic Cemetery is Bought.—The Famous Bell.—Part of the Present Cemetery is Purchased.—The First Baptismal and Marriage Records.

The sixth priest who took charge of Clayton was Rev. Michael Guth, brother of Rev. Francis Guth, the first and only president of Lafargeville Seminary. He lived at Rosiere and attended Clayton from that place until 1850. He built St. John's church at Lafargeville in 1849. In 1850 he gave up the mission of Clayton and Lafargeville on account of too much ministerial work, as he had then charge of Rosiere, Cape Vincent, Clayton and Lafargeville.

Father Maurice Sheehan, of Watertown, replaced Father Guth at Clayton, but he never resided here. He was the seventh priest to minister to the spiritual wants of the catholics at Clayton. He was tall but slender, had red hair and a florid complexion but was sickly looking. He was well thought of by the people. He



REV. MICHAEL GUTH

Attended Clayton from 1845 to 1850. Pastor at Clayton from 1852 to June 1861.

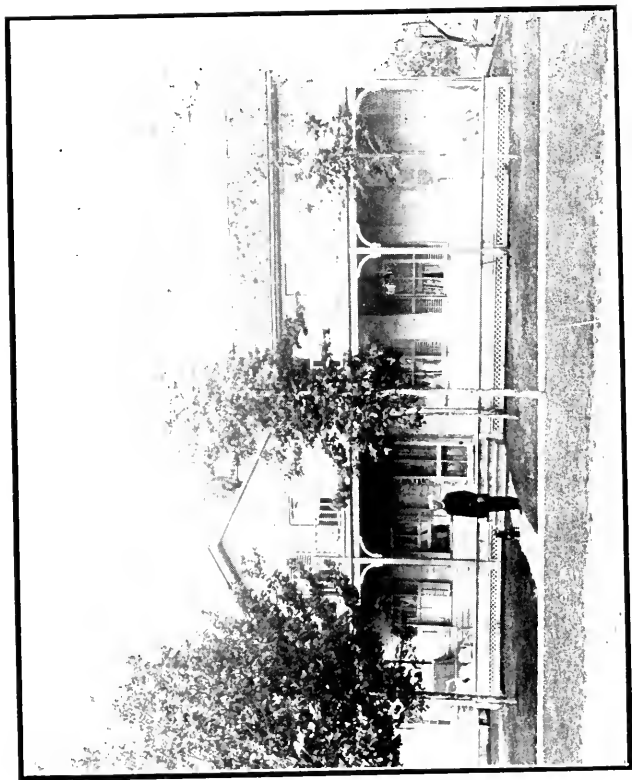
came here at regular intervals during several months, but in 1851, Fr. M. Guth divided up his extensive territory between Fr. Louis Lapié and himself; he taking charge of Clayton and Lafargeville, whilst Fr. Lapié took charge of Rosiere, Cape Vincent, Evans Mills and of the French congregation at Watertown. Fr. Sheehan died in Albany several years ago.

Father Guth continued to make his headquarters at Rosiere with Father Lapié until the Clayton Rectory was built in 1852. The erection of this house was made possible by the efforts of Joseph Thibault, then trustee. At the request of Father Guth, he took up a subscription, which was paid in due bills or orders. George Campbell furnished the money, which he exchanged for these due bills. The house was planned and built by George Goddard and cost about six hundred dollars. There was no debt on the building when completed and Father Guth took possession of it at once, and thus became the first resident pastor of Clayton in 1852. He took his meals for some time at John Bertrand's, corner of James and Mary streets, then took Honorah Delaney for a housekeeper. The latter remained with him until he left.

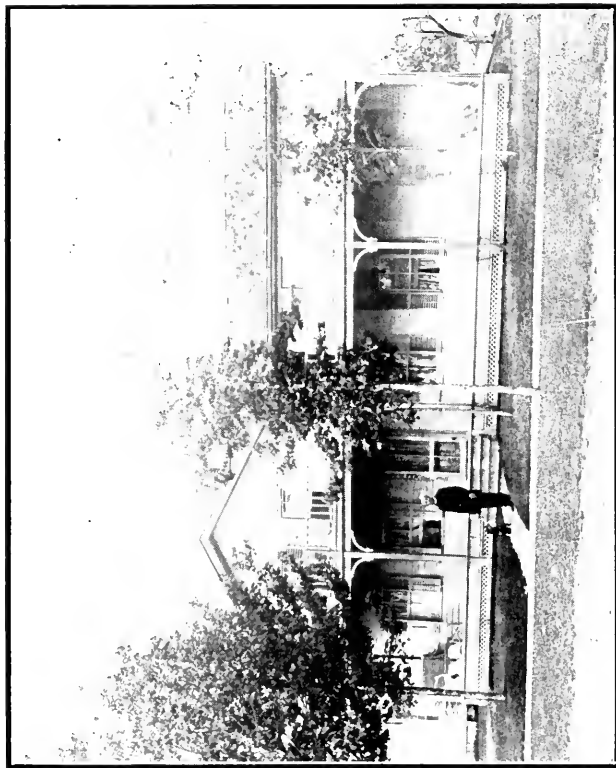
This tireless and most zealous priest did not rest on his laurels after he was located at Clayton, but he built a catholic school house here in 1854. This school building, made of brick, was erected on the lot next to and north of the church. It was used by catholics only all the time Father Guth remained here and during sev-

eral years in Father Sherry's time, but afterwards, was rented by the public school board for \$60.00 per year and thus it was turned into a public school for five or six years. This brick structure was demolished in Fr. Brice's time. There are many people still living who attended this catholic institution. The first teacher was Fr. Guth himself, then the following also taught school there: Ellen Delaney, Mary Sharples, (now Mrs. Geo. Stumps,) Charlotte Allam, Mary A. Cronin, Robert Hall, Mary A. Mahony, Kate Sherry, Mrs. John B. Bazinet, and Maria Brennan.

At about the time Fr. Guth erected the school house at Clayton, he received a gift of \$100.00 from Thomas Brennan, Jr., which he used in building a barn behind the rectory. His Grace Archbishop John Hughes of New York City also presented Fr. Guth with the old Lafargeville seminary altar and bell, which the latter brought with joy to his dear Clayton church. The tabernacle is the only relic of that precious altar, which is still in the possession of St. Mary's. The bell was given by Rev. E. G. Brice to St. John's church at Lafargeville in 1888 when the new St. Mary's church was near completion. But shortly after it had been placed in the belfry of St. John's church, it was taken back to Clayton during the night and placed in the garret of old St. Mary's church, where it remained hidden for some time. Many thought that it had tolled its death knell at the bottom of the St. Lawrence river and hopes of its recovery were no longer entertained when one



OLD RECTORY BUILT IN 1852, STILL IN USE.



OLD RECTORY BUILT IN 1852, STILL IN USE.



morning it was found in good condition in the vestry room. This famous bell was returned to Lafargeville in 1890 where its peals can still be heard. It was never known for certain, how and by whom this deed was committed. The writer of this sketch has always believed that this nocturnal feat was more a joke than an act of ill will and it certainly was not a sacrilege as some insisted.

There was yet something wanting to make St. Mary's a complete parish, and this was a cemetery. Father Guth supplied the want when in 1859 he bought five acres of land east of the New York Central railroad, on the tract of land now owned by William Parish. This cemetery was used only two years as the ground was found to be shallow and wet. Yet Edward Ellam and a few children were buried in it.

In February 1861, Father M. Guth, through Patrick Cantwell and John Hayes, bought one acre and a half of the present cemetery from Levi Desrosiers for \$90.00.

After so many years of arduous labor and missionary work, Father Guth's health failed him, and he was obliged to resign his charge in June 1861. Mr. Joseph Thibault drove him to Michael Bordle's at Rosiere where priests used to stop. After resting there a few days he went to Albany, lived there a few years, first with the Bishop, then at the Sisters' hospital where he died in 1863. Father M. Guth, true to his brother's memory, continued and completed his work, and imitated him in his zeal, his self denial and in all the other chris-

tian virtues for which they were both noted. These two names, Francis and Michael Guth will always remain inseparable in the memory of the people on account of their devoted and exemplary lives whilst in this neighborhood.

Like his brother Francis, Father Michael Guth was born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to this country after his brother's death in 1845 to continue his work in Jefferson county. He landed at New York and came at once to Rosiere. He stayed in this neighborhood for sixteen long years.

Father Michael Guth was of medium height, coarse in appearance and dark complexioned; he was very regular in the fulfillment of his pastoral duties, strict as a confessor, severe as regards fasting, but a poor financier, especially with regard to his personal affairs. He was a rather poor singer and a very ordinary preacher; he was pleasant, but sparing of words; he spoke French, German and English fluently; he was zealous, very devout and most charitable towards the poor. He was surnamed Father Good on account of his great kindness.

Father M. Guth, being the first resident priest at Clayton was also the first to keep records of baptisms and marriages. No death register was kept by him.

From now on, after each priest's pastorate, I will give the names of those who were baptized, married and buried by them, year after year.

For part of this difficult work of scanning the parish registers and deciphering the almost illegible and partly

effaced writings of the different priests, I am indebted to Rev. J. E. Derome and Joseph H. Brabant.

I will scrupulously give these records as they are found in the parish registers.

1854			Bissonnette, Jedeon	Apr. 7	Apr. 8
BAPTISMS.			Lefavre, Sophie	" 7	" 8
	Date of Birth.	Date of Bapt.	Fortin, Mary	Mch. 30	" 8
			Thibault, Mary Ludovica	Apr. 11	" 12
McJuley, John	Sept. 12	Oct. 5	Duford, Eli	" 26	May 13
Charon, Josephine	" 30	" 8	Lepine, Charles	" 11	" 13
Martin, Aurelie Martine	Oct. 16	" 22	Fitzgerald, Michael		
Lawler, Michael	" 25	Nov. 4	Jacob	May 11	" 27
St. Onge, Mary	Dec. 7	Dec. 10	Austead, Charles	Dec. 7 '54	" 27
Tabliert, Alice Joanna	Oct. 1, '53	" 10	Lagnon, William	June 13	June 24
McCue, Wm.	Dec. 15	" 24	Belleville, Josephine	Aug. 3	Aug. 12
McCue, Alexander	" 15	" 24	Levesque, Adelina	" 1	" 12
Charlebois, Adelaide	" 28	" 29	Fournier, Anastasia	July 26	" 12
Slotz, Mary Eliz.	Oct. 22	" 30	Laughlin, Andeen		
Cantwell, Catharine	Nov. 18	Jan. 14 '55	Michael	June 9	July 29

MARRIAGES.

	Date.		
Menard, J. B., and Julie Vandette,	Oct. 22	Charlebois, John	Sept. 11 " 23
Muller, Boniface and Rose Liel,	Dec. 30	Lepine, Louis	Aug. 5 * " 23
Clement, Alex. and Marie Lepine,	Feb. 11	Gillett, Joseph	Sept. 22 " 23
Lachance, Oliver and Cath. Mir- on,	Feb. 11	Longdeau, Stephen	Aug. " 23
Charpentier, Benj., and Julie Chayet,	May 14	Michau, Sophia	Sept. 23 " 24
Simard, J. B. and Natalie Long- tin,	Aug. 5	Lachance, Farnois Xavier	Sept. 30 " 30
		Cartier, Julianne	" 30 Oct. 14
		Balthazar, Wm.	Nov. 7 Nov. 11
		Fitzgerald, Honora	" 12 " 19
		Levesque, Elizabeth	Jan 25, '25 Jan. 25
		Dwyer, Mary	Nov. 21 " 27
		Clement, Mary	Dec. 22 " 27
		Hammond, Mary Pamela	Apr. 28

BAPTISMS.

BAPTISMS.			Hammond, Mary Pamela	Apr. 28
Thibault, Angelique Lae- titia,	Jan. 29	Feb. 9	MARRIAGES.	
Coms, Wm.	" 18	" 9		Date.
Quesnel, John	Mch. 8	Mch. 11	Myers, Jacob Henry and Ele- nora Pilon	Jan. 1
Delaney, Marcus	Jan. 20	" 11	Bazinot, Joseph and Christina Simard	Nov. 12
Laporte, Adolphe	Feb. 22	" 25	Nestor, Michael and Rosanna McKinley	Apr. 19
Jacobs, Elizabeth	Oct. 15, '54	Apr. 7		
Brennan, Richard	Jan. 19	Apr. 8		

MARRIAGES.

St. Onge, Joseph and Marie P. Hammond			Brown, Peter	Mch. 17	Aug. 31
Thibault, Benj. and Sophia Bertrand	Apr. 28		Charlebois, Louis Wm	Aug. 15	Sept. 14
Longtin, Gedeon and Susanna Pilon	June 8		Johnson, Matilda Amelia	Sept. 11	" 28
Mulcahey, John and Mary O'Toole	Oct. 20		Grapot, Louise Adele Chayet, Christine	Nov. 15 '55	" 28
Picard, Charles and Lousinda Rodrique	Nov. 10		Miron, Frank Louis	Sept. 12	" 29
Lawler, Peter and Cath. Kirs- cher	Nov. 11		Carnegie, Sophia	Oct. 11	Oct. 12
			Laporte, Frank	" 7	" 13
			Delaney, Elizabeth	" 13	" 26
			McCormie, Alice	" 19	" 26
			Lachance, Mary Louise	" 13	Nov. 9
			Patmartin, Mary	Nov. 15	" 23
			Goyette, Attilia	" 27	" 27
			Fitzgerald, John	" 4	Dec. 5
				" 13	" 29

1856

BAPTISMS.

Brabant, Joseph H.	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Fitzgerald, John	" 13	" 29
Gervais, Alexander	" 30	" 30			
Bissonnette, Isidore Ed.	Feb. 2	Feb. 10			
Bailey, Mary Jane	Jan. 18	" 12			
Gillick, Catharine	" 16	" 12			

1857

BAPTISMS.

Russell, Josephine Lauthia	Feb. 11	" 13	Langevin, Antoinette	Jan. 9	Jan. 13
Paiement, Cecilia	" 16	" 24	Menard, John	" 12	" 13
Farrell, Michael	" 19	Mch. 23	Loyet, Mary Margarite	" 7	" 20
Picard, Julia	Mch. 9	" 23	Charron, Amos Frank	" 11	" 24
Rushlow, Juline	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	Gagnon, Charles	" 27	" 29
Delaney, Daniel	Mch. 27	May 1	Sholette, John B.	Feb. 17	Feb. 21
Desrosiers, Charles	Apr. 21	" 11	Jacob, Gregory	" 14	Mch. 8
Dennis, Edward	May 8	" 11	Purcell, Daniel	Jan. 5	" 8
Keeting, Mary Agnes	Mch. 31 '55	" 12	Thibault, Oliver John	Mch. 26	" 30
Lalonde, Mary Sophia	May 18	" 24	Fitzgerald, Dan. Law- rence	Apr. 9	May 10
Charlebois, Philomena Adelaide	Apr. 28	" 25	McKay, Jacob	" 27	" 24
Simard, Alexander	May 20	" 30	Daily, Catherine	" 9	June 2
Bissonnette, Genevieve	" 31	" 31	Cartier, Charles Frank	Mch. 21	" 8
Simonette, Eugena An- na M.	Jan. 22	" 30	Brennan, Johanna	June 1	July 26
Bertrand, Mary Ann	June 8	June 9	Duford, Oliva	" 8	" 26
Thomas, Eusebius	" 14	" 20	McKinley, Ellenora	Feb. 11	" 26
Letarte, Michael	" 14	" 22	Fitzgerald, Jeremiah Joseph	May 25	" 26
Delmarse, Richarch	Apr. 20	" 22	Quesnel, William	July 3	" 31
Maher, Mary	June 23	" 27	Flynn, Thomas	" 7	Aug. 9
Boyer, Joseph	" 24	" 28	Riley, Margarite	" 16	" 14
Chales, Mary Comelia	July 10	July 11	Thibault, Helen Louise	Aug. 23	" 27
McCarthy, Letitia	" 6	" 13	Nestor, Juliette	June 27	" 30
Daniels, Mary Eliz.	" 26	" 28	Picard, Zoe	Aug. 13	Sept. 10
Berlinguet, Mary	Aug. 28	Aug. 28	Charlebois, Virginia	" 27	" 10
Bissonnette, Anthony	" 5	" 6	Quesnel, Frederic	Sept. 9	" 10
Charpentier, Francis Benj	" 16	" 22	Fitzgerald, Michael	Aug. 3	" 13
Duval, Clara	" 11	" 24	Duford, Michael	" 25	" 13
			Belleville, Mary Jane	" 16	" 13

Balthazar, Henry	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Cartier, Joseph	Jan. 12	Feb. 3
Chale, Stephen	Oct. 2	Oct. 4	Rolland, Philomena	Feb. 12	" 14
Mulchahey, Michael	Sept. 9	" 4	Levesque, Maxim	Dec. 8 '57	Mch. 9
Reaume, Justina	" 21	" 4	McKinley, Rose Ann	Jan. 28	" 14
Regis, Mary Louise	Oct. 18 '55	" 5	Gooley, John	Feb. 24	" 14
Bazinet, Philip	Oct. 10	" 11	Charlebois, Ellena	" 26 '57	" 14
Levesque, John	Aug. 18	" 21	Duval, Amelia	Mch. 16	" 17
Picard, Mary Jane	Oct. 18	" 22	Daniel, Deline	" 25	" 26
Westerfield, Jacob	Nov. 7	Nov. 6	Delaney, Wm.	Jan. 4	" 28
Badreau, Melinda	Aug. 27 '53	" 21	St. Onge, Ann Rachel	Feb. 2	" 28
Thesier, Charles	Oct. 18	" 21	Brabant, Felicite	Mch. 31	Apr. 1
Ramot, Elizabeth	Nov. 11	" 22	Dennis, Wm.	Apr. 14	" 14
Simard, Lucy	" 12	" 27	Farrell, Dan	Mch. 8	" 25
Chayet, Adelina	Oct. 18	Dec. 13	Boudreau, Eliz.	May 1	May 6
Langdean, George	Aug. 1	" 17	Vandette, J. B.	" 1	" 7
Gobler, Henry	Nov. 8	" 26	Lalonde, Matilda	" 8	" 8
Delaney, Wm.	" 15	" 27	Boucher, Seraphine	Mch. 10	" 9
Dwyer, Eliz.	Oct. 5	" 28	Bissonnette, J. B.	May 15	" 15
Vadeau, Amelia	Dec. 13	Jan. 10 '58	Fortin, Felicite	" 29	" 30
Myers, Amos Henry	Apr. 13	" 10 '58	Letarte, Mary Louise	June 2	June 13

MARRIAGES.

Balthazar, J. B. and Eliz. Miron	Feb. 23	Lalonde, Mary	" 24	" 24
McKinley, Arthur and Mary Hayes	Apr. 12	Lachance, Virginia	" 27	" 29
Lefavre, Alfred and Cath. Dean	" 27	Caroline	" 29	July 5
Bertrand, Edward and Angelic Thibault	May 2	Russel, George	" 29	" 6
Duval, John and Letitia Perry	" 25	Pike, Mary Helena	July 5	" 7
Ferguson, Dan, Joseph and Mary Steller	June 16	Maher, Marg.	" 8	" 8
Collin, F. X. and Marg. Miron	Aug. 10	Gervais, Leander	Mch. 28	" 11
Lefavre, Oliver and Mary Charpentier	Sept. 30	Amos, Protas	July 26	" 31
Boucher, F. R. and Mercelline Yotte	Oct. 26	Kilborn, Joanna	May 25	Aug. 8
Menard, Clovis and Attelia Charlebois	" 27	Shaltry, Henrietta	July 31	" 8
Delaney, John and Mary Ann Williams	Nov. 9	Lalonde, Mary Johanna	" 29	" 9
Charpentier, Cyrille and Mary Chayet	" 23	Collin, Mary Ann	" 17	" 10
		Lefavre, Julia	" 27	" 10
		Charpentier, Julien	Aug. 6	" 13
		Delaney, Bridget Ann	Dec. 29 '50	" 21
		Peck, Mary	Mch. 6	" 29
		Brown, Mary	May 17	Sept. 12
		(Lupe?) Marg. Eliz	Aug. 1 '55	" 12
		Delmarse, Mary Ann	Sept. 21	" 22
		Rushlow, Alexander	" 27	" 30
		Menard, Adelaide	" 11	Oct. 10
		Delaney, Thomas	Nov. 4	Nov. 4
		Bissonnette, Israel	Jan. 6	Dec. 26
		Bailey, Pat. Andrew	Nov. 13	" 26
		Gillick, John	" 13	" 26
		Gillick, Ellena		

BAPTISMS.

Lefavre, Alfred	Jan. 15	Jan. 23
Forcier, J. B.	" 22	" 24

MARRIAGES.

			Maher, William	June 30	July 4
	Date.		Mulcahey, John	" 26	" 10
Ponkette, Joseph and Philomine Gelinot			Parent, Catharine	May 28	Aug. 5
	Apr. 26		Fitzgerald, Wm.	July 5	" 14
Bertrand, Olivier and M. Geneveve Bazinet			Herbrecht, Catharine	" 31	" 27
	" 27		Beaudoin, Luciana	Sept. 9	Sept. 9
Letarte, Michael and Eliz Pilon	May 17		McKinley, Michael	Aug. 15	" 9
Chales, Leo and Perpetue Churco	" 26		Bazinet, Catharine		
Berthiaume, Martin and Josephine Le Gross	" 31		Josephine	Sept. 24	Oct. 9
	" 31		Fitzgerald, Peter	Aug. 15	Oct. 23
Brabant, Hyacinth and Bibiane Duval	Aug. 23		Rieses, Arthur	Oct. 7	" 23
	Aug. 23		Charpentier, Charles	" 29	Nov. 2
Dennis, Ek. Xavier and Eliz. Fortin	Sept. 27		Dunford, Mary Sophie	Nov. 6	" 9
	Sept. 27		Jacob, Alexis	" 5	" 28
Herbrecht, Anthony and Helcua Hughes	Oct. 14		Rhodrigue, Virginia	Dec. 5	Dec. 10
	Oct. 14		Benoit, Mary Meline	Sept. 17	" 11
			Charlebois, Anthony	" 27	" 25
			Charlebois, Helen		
			Magdelene	" 17	" 25

1859

BAPTISMS.

Minor, Wm. Henry	Jan. 9	Jan. 19
Lawler, James	" 1	" 23
Bouglot, Adeline Clarisse	" 20 '58	" 27
Ponkette, Joseph	" 25	" 31
Bertrand, Mary	Feb. 2	Feb. 3
Duval, Eli	" 9	" 14
Hayes, Wm	Jan. 29	" 14
Flynn, Mary	Dec. 28 '58	" 14
Letarte, Eliz. Louise	Feb. 21	" 21
Johnson, Julia Louise	Mch. 29	Mch. 30
Bertrand, Nap. Benj.	Apr. 5	Apr. 10
Myers, Samuel	Mch. 1	" 21
Jackson, Johanna Eliz	Apr. 12	" 21
Hughes, Helena Augustine	Jan. 8	" 26
Denis, Eliz. Virginie	Apr. 24	" 26
Howath, Abraham	Apr. 24	May 8
Chales, Louis Adolphus	May 11	" 11
Laughlin, Wm. Joseph	Jan. 20	" 22
Nestor, Martin	Apr. 12	" 29
Rood, Jannie Mary	Feb. 20 '59	June 2
Thibault, Ida Amelia	May 29	" 2
Wholey, Lucy Anna	Apr. 24	" 12
McCarthy, Abraham	June 12	" 12
Belleville, Joseph	Mch. 13	" 10
Brabant, Francis Navaier	June 23	" 26
McCormick, Michael	" 16	" 26

MARRIAGES.

Rhodrigue, J. B. and Mary Benoit		Jan. 24
Doney, Albertus and Amelia Nadeau		Feb. 14
Edus, Peter and Julia Collin		" 21
Preville, Joseph and Adelaide Lemieux		May 9
Hughes, P. Thos. Ek. and Jean-nie Rood		June 2
Monroe, George and Marg.		
Dowdall		Oct. 18
Pilon, Edward and Philomena Preville		Nov. 3
Pilon, Cyprien and Zoe Denis		May 15

1860

BAPTISMS.

Lachance, J. B.	Jan. 7	Jan. 8
Lefebvre, Menette	Dec. 24 '59	" 22
Thibault, Alphonse	Jan. 25	" 26
Denis, Amelie	" 3	" 22
Daily, Mary	Dec. 25 '59	" 29
Chaltre, Ovila	Jan. 16	Feb. 26
Lalonde, Cyprien	Feb. 23	" 26

Doran George	Jan. 21	Feb. 26	O'Reily Philips	Dec. 30
Collin George Marcellin	Feb. 26	" 26	Maher Bridget	Dec. 30 Jan. 5 '61

Kelley Michael	Jan. 1	Mch. 11	MARRIAGES.	
Lefebvre M. Ann	Feb. 9	Feb. 11		
Delaney John	Mch. 16	Mch. 25	Parrot, Peter and Eliz. Miron	July 1
Chayet Charles	" 17	Apr. 8	Myers Louis and Hellen Lepage	" 13
Mallette Mary	Apr. 1	" 8	Denis Joseph and Mary Denis	May 22
Farrell Edward	Feb. 10	Feb. 26	Lareau Joseph and Mary D.	
Simard Nathalie	Apr. 30	May 1	Charlebois	Nov. 12
Lafleur George	Jan. 11 '58	" 2	Blanchette Charles and Horora	
Gillick Sarah Joanna	Feb. 16	Apr. 28	Cain	Nov. 15
Bertrand Seraphine	Apr. 22	May 13	Brown John and Mary O'Connor	Dec. 25
Denis Joseph	" 27	" 22		
Thomas Henry	May 28	" 31		
Brabant Mary	Apr. 28	June 5		
Letarte Joseph	" 7	" 10		

1861

BAPTISMS.

Miron George Ant.	July 4	July 6	Charpentier Matilda	Jan. 24	Jan. 27
Austead Mary Helena	June 5	" 7	Gervais J. B.	Mch. 14	Mch. 17
Flynn John	May 23	" 8	Charlebois Matilda		
Dwyer John	Jan. 15	" 23	Amelia	" 16	" 25
Dwyer Joanna	" 15	" 23	Thibault Francois X	" 19	" 25
Delaney Eliz.	July 3	" 23	Pilon Mary Virginia	" 24	" 28
Hayes Francis	" 28	Aug. 12	Brown Henry	May 7 '59	" 29
Minor Athalia	Aug. 12	" 15	Brown M. Jane	July 22 '57	" 29
Bailey Peter Eugene	June 1	July 27	Wright Luccetia	Mch. 13 '47	Apr. 6
Henney Cath.	Apr. 9	" 29	Balthazar Edmond	" 3	" 7
Hughes John Pat.	June 27	" 29	Fortin Mary Eliz	Apr. 12	" 14
Goyette Virginia	Sept. 2	Sept. 5	Chale Mary Malitina	" 14	" 14
Lebie ? Catharine	July 2	" 9	Bissonnette Eliz. Ann.	" 14	" 21
Gooley William Pat	Aug. 5	" 9	Russel Anna	" 30	May 5
Duval Mary	" 26	" 9	Johnson Mary Henriette	May 11	" 12
Lefebvre Mary	Sept. 7	" 14	Leger Mary Augustine	" 12	" 12
Fitzgerald Mary	Aug. 21	" 23	Ponchette Amelia	June 2	June 16
Picard John	" 7 '59	" 29	Quesnel Benjamin	" 10	" 16
Lieb Rosa	Dec. 25 '59	" 30	Monnette Lena	Jan. '60	" 16
Klotz George	June 28 '59	" 30	Rhodrigue Mary Joanna	May 1	" 16
Letart Sophia	Sept. 6	Oct. 12	Rogers Joseph	June 16	" 16
Bertrand Bertha	Oct. 12	" 12	Kelley John	Feb. 25	" 18
Duford Alphonse	" 17	" 14			
Delmarse Helena	Sept. 17	" 14			

MARRIAGES.

Equien Harriet	Oct. 1	" 14	Vandette Victor and Attila LeGros	Jan. 14
Lucier Scholastique	" 15	" 18	Churco Chas. and Cath Lefebvre	" 15
St. Onge Joseph Dan	Aug. 27	" 28	Stumps George and Mary Jos.	
Gelinot Hel'eu	Nov. 2	" 2	Sharples	Apr. 9
Gelinot Virginia	" 2	" 2	Benoit Joseph and DesAuges	
Lawler Richard	Dec. 2	Dec. 17	Mercier	May 12
Brown John Uriel B	Oct. 30 '30	" 25		

CHAPTER V.

Rev. Fr. Michael Clarke.—The Church is Repaired and the Cemetery Enlarged.—Stations of the Cross are Placed in the Church.

The eighth priest to look after the little catholic flock at Clayton, was Rev. Michael Clarke of Carthage. He arrived here for the first time on the 4th of July, 1861. He found the rectory open and occupied by Honora Delaney and Bridget Stapleton, whom Fr. Guth had left in charge until another priest should come. Fr. Clarke did not disturb these two ladies in their peaceful occupancy of the parish house and boarded and lodged with them every time he came to Clayton.

Fr. Clarke found the church dilapidated. The plaster was falling down and no one could tell that it had ever been painted. From his very first visit, he spoke of repairing the church. Twice after mass, he begged of the people to come forward and subscribe generously towards the repairs needed on the building. About \$200 was raised in this way and with this money, Father Clarke had the inside of the church ceiled, and both the inside and outside painted.

In October of 1861, Father Clarke called a "bee" to level the cemetery, to lay it out into plots and to remove



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ATTENDED CLAYTON FROM JULY 1861 TO AUGUST 1862.

a sand bank which stood just outside the cemetery gate. During the day he took up a collection and bought three quarters of an acre of land from Dannah Angel October 22, 1861, for \$80, and in this way enlarged the cemetery to the road that leads to John Barrett's.

As the collection taken by Father Clarke did not suffice to pay for this parcel of land Joseph Thibault sr., went to see all the people who had not yet contributed and in this way raised enough money to satisfy the obligation. Following are the names of those who subscribed and the amount that each gave. For this list I am indebted to Joseph Thibault. Joseph Thibault \$5, Joseph Duford \$5 Thomas Delaney \$5, Israel Belleville, Nelson Duford, John Fitzgerald, John Bertrand, Michael Mason, Moses Lefavre, Marcus Delaney Patrick Dowdall, John Hayes, Richard Lawler, Patrick Cantwell, Michael Mullen, Patrick Fitzgerald, James Dwyer, Denis Maher, Roda Fitzgerald, Stephen Pilon, Felix Belonger, Thomas Mercier, Edward Bertrand, Joseph Charlebois \$1.00 each; Leander Brabant, Philip Bazinett, Louis Baninett, Protet Penault, Edward Cartier, Joseph Pilon, \$2.00 each; Leander Denis and James Belonger gave 50 cents each.

Another event took place during Father Clarke's short pastorate. Joalna McManus and Honorah Delaney took up a subscription to buy Stations of the Cross. The frames were made by John B. Bazinet, the glass was bought at Redwood and the chromos in New York city. These were put together in Clayton, and such were the

first stations of the cross which St. Mary's church owned. These are quite in contrast with our present grand and expensive stations of the cross. Yet the catholic people of 1861 prized them highly and thought these were quite artistic.

When the new St. Mary's church was completed, the pastor Rev. E. G. Brice, did not hang them on the walls of the new temple, but distributed them among different families, in whose homes, they can yet be seen. Father Clarke blessed and erected these stations of the cross in the summer of 1862. Shortly after, he ceased to attend Clayton. He had charge of the mission but a short time, yet he accomplished a great deal. He left behind him the reputation of being a conscientious priest, a clever man and a good financier.

Father Thomas C. Middleton, O. S. A. D. D. writes that: "Father Michael Clarke was a tall, square shouldered, heavy built man, on whom small pox had left its indelible marks." He was dark complexioned, stern and determined; he wore cheap and plain clothes and was very rustic in appearance. He was pious, charitable, generous and a fair speaker. He was a disciple and advocate of total abstinence and did not use tobacco in any form. "He was one of the most energetic missionaries of his time." He built the churches at Rossie, Pinckney, Louisburgh and Sterlingville, and at the same time attended to Clayton and Carthage with scrupulous care. Yet, in spite of these qualities, he had no patience with tepid catholics and he fought the dic-

tatorial trustees of Carthage to the bitter end, thereby raising a contention which resulted in the parish being placed under interdict by Bishop McCloskey. Father Clarke never had any trouble in Clayton; he was well liked by all and carried away with him the best wishes of the people. He died in Schenectaday several years ago. Following are those whom he baptized and married. He kept no records of deaths.

1861			MARRIAGES.		
BAPTISMS.					
	Date of Birth.	Date of Bapt	Jacob, Michael and Annette McCarthy		25
Minor, Alford	July 4	July 4	Marshron, John and Virginie Lalonde		Nov. 21
Pilon, Hellen	June 25	" 4			
St. Barba, Ann Mary	" 25	" 4			
McCormick, Peter Eugene	May 10	Aug. 15			
Broshon, Mary Eliz	July 28	" 15			
			1862		
			BAPTISMS.		
McGuilly, Mary			Kilburn, Emma Dalia	Mch. 6	June 23
Honora	June 24	" 15	Howarth, Julia Ann	" 8	" 23
Lachance, George	Aug. 9	" 15	Letarte, Adelaide	" 11	" 23
Cortier, Edward	Oct. 13 '60	" 15	Flynn, Geo.	Feb. 20	" 23
Mulcahey, James	Aug 11	" 15	Bertrand, Joseph	June 22	" 23
Cholette, Mary Julia	Sept. 9	Sept. 15	Bertrand, Cath. Clo-		
Charlebois, James			tilde	May 16	" 23
Alphonzo	" 17	Nov. 21	Palmer, May Jane	Aug. 18	Aug. 18
Bernier, Mary Edwidge	" 27	" 21	Farrel, Sarah	May 20	" 18
Leroux, Xavier	Nov. 21	Dec. 15			
Brown, Eliz. Ann	" 13	" 25			
Formme, Charles		" 25			

CHAPTER VI.

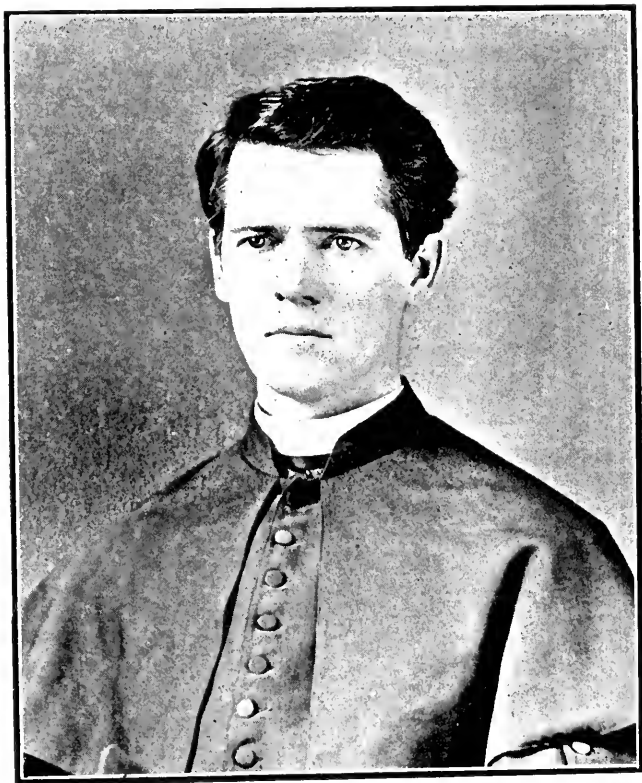
Rev. Fathers Van Campenhant and Luke Harney.

The ninth priest to visit Clayton was Rev. Edward Francis Van Campenhant, a Belgian, better known as Father Francis. He came from Watertown to Clayton for the first time in February, 1862, and attended this place for six months. Whilst here, he lodged and boarded with Honora Delaney and Bridget Stapleton in the parochial house.

Father Francis organized the parish in which the writer was born in 1860 and provided Champlain with its first catholic church. It was in this dear old church that the author of this little history was baptized, made his first communion, was confirmed and served at the altar for many years.

Father Francis was middle sized, large, fine looking, temperate in his habits, punctual and very exacting. He was a priest of great eloquence, a skillful financier and was fond of music and good singing. At one time he brought St. Patrick's choir from Watertown to Clayton and gave the people a musical treat. Father Francis died several years ago.

The tenth priest who had charge of Clayton, was Father Luke Harney of Watertown. Although pastor of



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Clayton, he made his headquarters at Father James Hogan's, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Watertown. He came here in October 1862 and attended this parish until October 1863, and at the same time had charge of Redwood. Father Harney was just ordained when he took charge of this parish. He had dark complexion, was low sized and slender. He was strict, quick tempered, had no patience with drunkards and saloon keepers and horse whipped many of them whilst pastor of Port Henry. Fr. Harney was a good priest, but like all mortals, he had a hobby and this was for fast horses and fine carriages. Never was he seen driving a slow or a poor horse, but he had the fastest and finest in the neighborhood. He was zealous, amiable and kind but was a poor financier. He made staunch and bosom friends wherever he lived. He died in Durango, Cal., Dec. 19, 1892.

Following are the names of those he baptized and married. He kept no record of deaths.

1862		I find two baptisms performed by Rev J. Hogan in 1862.			
BAPTISMS.					
Myres, Charlotte Marie	Sept. 5	Oct. 12	Fitzgerald, Eliza	Oct. 24	Nov. 16
Picard, Matilde	Sept. 15 '59	" 12	Kelley, Ann	June 23	" 16
Picard Mary Jane	Oct. 15 '61	" 12	MARRIAGES.		
MacCabee, Helen	Aug. 29	" 12			
Pilon, Wm. Henry	Oct. 7	" 12	Gervais, Francis and Eliz.		
Laporte, Geo.	Jan. 16 '60	" 12	Crawford		
Lefebvre, Louis	Mch. 5	" 12	1863		
Laporte, Adeline	Sept. 26	" 12			
O'Connell, Sarah	Oct. 19 '61	" 12	BAPTISMS.		
Turcot, Mary Josephine	Oct. 12 '62	" 12	Lawlor, Thomas	Jan. 8	Feb. 26
Menard, Joseph			Belleville, Israel	Feb. 1	Mch. 22
Clovis	Oct. 27	Nov. 1	Thibault, Matilda	Mch. 12	" 22
Duford, Mary Sophia	" 25	" 1	Campbell, Loretta	Feb. 20	" 22

Paquet, Francis X.	Mch 10	Mch 22	Benoit, Joseph	Sept. 1	Sept 15
Picard, Joseph San-			McCormick, Eliz. Jan	Aug. 6	" 20
ford	Apr 4	June 1	Furgurson, Moly		
McKinley, Francis Pat.	May 8	" 1	Eunice	Sept. 3	Oct 3
Fitzgerald, James			I find three baptisms by Rev James		
Patrick	" 2	" 16	Hogan of Watertown in 1863.		
Menard, Hellen Louise	July 3	July 5	Duval, Oneas	May 30	May 31
DeLaney, Wm.	June 10	" 5	Daniel, Wm.	" 28	" 31
O'Riley, Honora Cath	Apr. 26	" 5	Picard, Wm. Henry	Jan. 5 '61	" 31
Benoit, J. B.	July 9	" 19	MARRIAGES.		
Charlebois, Eliz.	" 10	" 17	McCarthy, Louis and Julia		
Gervais, Lajore	" 28	Aug. 11	Shallette		July 5
Langlois, Olivier	" 16	" 15	Jacob, Pierce and Felicite		
Cartier, Jerome	Feb. 10	" 15	Vandette		" 5
Delmarse, Clara	Mch. 4	" 15	Cousineau, Eurilien and Cath		
Brown, Mary	July 3	" 15	Pilon		" 10
Martin, Pat, Wm	" 10	" 10	Gelinot, Israel and Celina		
Leroux, Adelaide	Sept. 5	Sept 5	Preville		Sept. 3
Donais, Charles	Aug. 2	" 15			

CHAPTER VII.

Father James J. Sherry's First Term.—The Church and Rectory are Repaired.—A Well is Dug and a Wooden Fence is Built Around the Cemetery.

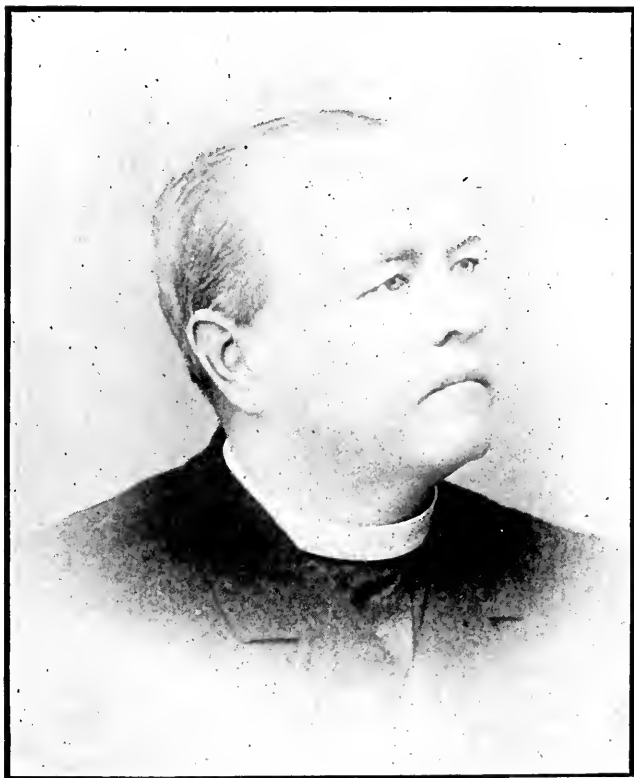
The eleventh priest to attend Clayton was Rev. James J. Sherry. He came here for the first time in October, 1863, and said mass only every other Sunday, as he also had charge of Lafargeville, Rossie and Redwood at the same time. Until 1864, Fr. Sherry made his residence with Fr. Hogan of Watertown, whose house was a rendezvous for all the surrounding missionaries. During those nine months, Fr. Sherry boarded, when in Clayton, with Honorah Delaney and Bridget Stapleton in the parochial house. But after that time, the latter vacated the Rectory and Fr. Sherry and his mother, and other relatives moved into it.

Fr. Sherry's first term at Clayton lasted four years, namely until August, 1867, and was most successful. He had the main altar moved back and lowered, he added a few pews in front of the old ones, put in an altar railing, and pews in the gallery, and had the church painted on the outside. He also repaired the parochial residence, dug a well behind the house which is still very good, and finally built a wooden fence around the

cemetery. Finding that the revenues of the church were not sufficient, he raised the pew rent to \$600.00. He also made an attempt to enlarge the church by building on a T or a Greek cross and for this purpose started an improvement fund, but this plan never materialized. All the improvements on house and church were made by John J. Delaney, Sr., at his own expense, for which he was never paid in cash. Yet, when the original subscription for the new church was taken up, he received credit for \$150.00 in consideration of the amount due him.

Following are the names of those who were baptized and married by Fr. Sherry between the years 1863 and 1867:

1864			Denis, Marie Lena	Dec. 25 '63	"	10
BAPTISMS.			Kanally, Mary	" 16 '63	"	10
	Date of Birth	Date of Bapt.	Charpentier, Jos. Fran- cis	Feb. 25 '64	Mch.	6
			Methot, Jos. Oscar	" 27 '54	"	6
			Longtin, Emma Jane	" 8	"	6
Payment, Caroline	Oct. 20	Nov. 13	Lolonde, Matilda	Mch. 31	Apr.	1
Bertrand, Helen	Nov. 5	" 13	Labonte, Mary Eliz	" 24	"	3
Simard, Catharine	" 8	" 13	Lawrence, M. Jane	June 30 '63	"	3
Boyer, Marie Victorine	" 28	" 15	Flynn, Anna	Jan. 27	"	17
Bertrand, John	Dec. 9	Dec. 13	Charlebois, Jerome	Mch. 7	"	17
Lolonde, John	Nov. 28	" 13	St. Onge, Jos. Henry	July 20 '63	"	18
Jordan, Rose	" 5	" 25	Cholette, Alphonse	Apr. 25	"	26
Collette, Mary Jane	Dec. 17	" 25	Pilon, Joseph	May 2	May	8
MARRIAGES.			Leroux, J. B.	" 10	"	20
Quesnel, Joseph and Marg.			Fance, John	Apr. 27	"	21
Daniel			Nov. 21	Delaney, Wm.	May 4	" 51
			Lachance, Henriette			
			Marie	" 9	"	21
1864			Mirault, Prote Joseph	June 2	June	5
BAPTISMS.			Charpentier, Odille	" 12	"	13
Quesnel, Mary Cor-			Benoit, Geo.	July 17	July	17
delia	May 3 '58	Feb. 9	Charlebois, Rosalie	" 4	"	24
Quesnel, Sarah Ann	Feb. 3 '61	" 9	Maher, Michael	" 31	Aug.	7



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Pastor at Clayton from October 1863 to November 1867 and from June 1877 to
July 1883.



Mulcahey, Thos.	7	7	Chevrier, Sophia	July 10	Sept. 4
Dwyer, Wm.	3	21	Bertrand, Alphonzo	Sept. 3	" 11
McCarthy, Fk. Eustache	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Quesnel, Sophronie	" 12	" 18
Letarte, M. Louise	Sept. 21	Oct. 9	Benoit, Henry	Nov. 2	Nov. 16
Vandette, Joseph	Oct. 3	" 9	Pilon, Phebe Gertrude	" 5	" 26
McKinley, Ed. Bernard	Sept. 14	" 10	Daverne, Mary Ann	Dec. 25	" 26
Lefebvre, Emilie Cath.	Oct. 9	" 11	Pilon, Susanne	" 3	" 3
McGillis, James	Sept. 27	" 24	I find the following baptisms performed by Rev. H. Byrnes in 1865.		
Denis, Leander	Oct. 24	" 26	Furgurson, John	June 22	July 13
Belanger, Stephen			McKinley, John Lawrence	" 8	" 16
Henry	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Leroux, Adelaide	Aug. 2	Aug. 9
Cantwell, Annetta	" 6	" 20	Brown, John Eusiagh	July 1	Oct. 18
Brabant, Lucey	" 7	Dec. 4	Menard, Emma Delia	Nov. 6	Nov. 7
Turcot, Marie Julie	Dec. 16	" 16			
Fitzgerald, Sarah Jane	" 6	" 26			

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BAPTISMS.

Nestor, Rose Ann	July 24 '64	Jan 8
Labonte, Clemence	Jan 2	" 8
Thibault, Hellen Anastasia	" 2	" 8
Gelinot, Leon	Mch. 5	Mch. 11
Charlebois, Mathias	Feb. 21	" 12
Kelley, Margaret	" 15	" 12
Tetarte, J. B.	Mch. 29	Apr. 1
Fitzgerald, Mary Sophia	" 5	" 16
Lawler, Ed. Bernard	Apr. 6	" 27
Belleville, Isidore	" 4	May 7
Fitzgerald, Mary Hellen	" 18	" 7
Bartrand, Louise Ermine	" 7	" 8
Menard, Anthony	" 4	" 11
Mongeau, Joseph	Mch. 21	" 18
Kanaley, Maurice	Feb. 15	" 28
Delaney, John	May 22	Jan. 11
Hyde, James	" 7	" 11
Brabant, Charles	June 3	" 11
Lalonde, Jos. Abraham	Mch. 4	July 27
Kingsley, Edward	Jan 25	" 2
Shneider, John	July 4	" 4
Dwyer, John	June 30	Aug. 2
Lajoie, Mary Cath	Feb. 9 '65	" 6
Gervais, Francoise	Jan 3	" 15
O'Reilly, Eliza	June 21	" 27
Charlebois, Hellen	Aug. 26	" 27
Downes, John Terrance	" 9	" 27

MARRIAGES.

McKinley, Pat and Mary McLaughlin	Jan. 7
Pilon, Stephen and Mary Ann McKinley	" 6
Grant, Wm. and Bridget Maher	Feb. 26
Delaney, Mick and Eliza Williams	May 13
Bazinet, John and Philomina Bertrand	Aug. 14
Daniel, Anicet and Eliz. Fortin	Aug. 21
Langevin, Joseph and Mary Lepage	Sept. 11
Delaney, Pat and Mary Dowdal	Dec. 27

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BAPTISMS.

Rhodrigue, Joseph	Apr. 31	Jan. 3
Picard, Lucey Eliz.	Jan. 4	" 10
Collin, Louis Henry	Oct. 7 '65	" 14
Benoit, Agnes	Jan. 16	Feb. 14
Delaney, Joseph Wm.	Feb. 10	Mch. 9
Cantwell, John	" 20	" 9
Langevin, John	Mch. 4	" 9
Simard, John	Oct. 24 '65	" 12
Lachance, Joseph	Mch. 14	" 14
Grant, Mary Ann	Jan. 15	" 28
Delaney, Honora Joan-na	Mch. 20	Apr. 4

Howarth, Abraham	1831	Apr 15	Belanger, Marceline	Feb 21	Feb 25
Bazinot, Finnin Oliver	Apr 7	" 15	Gervais, Peter	" 24	" 25
Mason, Marg. Octance	" 18	" 30	Lepage, David	" 27	" 27
Lalonde, Peter	" 25	" 30	Delaney, Eugene Mich-		
Kelly, Sarah Jane	" 7	May 6	ael	Mch 9	Mch 23
Hayes, Ann	May 26	June 24	Bertrand, Oliver Alex.	" 18	" 24
Denis, Peter	July 3	July 10	Thibault, Matilda	" 22	" 24
Miron, M. Eliz.	" 3	" 13	Quesnel, Hyacinthe	" 25	" 27
Picard, Amelia	June	" 22	Dwyer, John	Oct 12 '66	" 28
Kepler, Stephen Em-			Denis, Henry	Apr 5	Apr 7
mmanuel	" 13	" 22	Jegoux, Joseph	" 3	" 7
Kensella, Anthony	July 29	Aug 5	Surean, Joseph	" 5	" 7
Pilon, Alfred	Aug 9	" 17	Mason, Augustus Mich	Mch 23	" 13
Daniel, Eliza	" 18	" 20	Flynn, Stephen Aldin	Feb 5	Apr 13
Charlebois, Mary	" 25	Sept 1	Dwyer, Mich	Mch 4	" 13
Russell, Francois	Sept 2	" 8	Lachance, Wm. Henry	Apr 5	" 13
Longtin, J. B	" 25	" 12	Charlebois, Oliva	" 15	" 18
Geigerich, Geo.	July 7 '64	Oct. 14	Kennally, John Alex.	Mch 18	May 26
Delaney, Wm. Marcus	Sept 11	" 11	Letarte, Adelaide Louise	Apr 19	" 27
Langevin, Marie Ange-			Bertrand, Susanne	June 9	June 11
lique	Oct 25	Nov 5	Hyde, David	" 2	" 23
Daniel, Joseph	Nov 6	" 7	Farrell, Mary	May 4	" 23
Charpentier, M. Ann	Oct 28	" 7	Belleville, Anthony		
Letarte, Michael	Nov 21	Nov 21	Willard	" 19	" 25
Russel, Joseph	" 10	Dec 16	Menard, M. Matilda	July 4	July 7
Knight, Cornelius Pat	Mch 25	" 25	McKay, Charles Wm	May 8	Aug 3
Jordan, M. Ann	Dec 6	" 20	Gillick, Mary	Sept 27 '66	" 4
Charlebois, Hen. Louise	" 3	" 25	Brabant, Francois Aug-		
Duford, Hellen	" 6	" 18	ustus	Aug 3	" 4
Bazinot, Philomina Cloth-			Collin, Desire David	July 22	" 4
ilde	" 27	" 27	McKinley, Alice	" 28	" 18

MARRIAGES.

McMann, Pat T. and Joanna			Fitzgerald, Cath.	June 21	" 8
Brennan	Jan 10		Pilon, Wm.	Sept 7	" 8
Ryan, Wm. and Hellen Curry	June 2		Cantwell, Pat Francis	" 18	" 18
McKay, Wm. and Adelaide Pilon	July 8		Delaney, Hellen Eliz.	" 25	" 29
			Delaney, Catharine	" 20	Oct 13
			Charpentier, Josephine	Oct 20	" 25
			Jette, Wm.	May 6 '66	" 25
			L'Heureux, Rose		
			Delima	Oct 14	Nov 5
			McKinley, Jos. Bernard	Sept 26	" 10
			Turcot, M. Adelaide	Nov 29	Dec 20

BAPTISMS.

Howarth, Mary	Dec 19 '66	Jan 7	McKinley, Jos. Bernard	Sept 26	" 10
Lawlor, Wm. Pat		Feb 1	Turcot, M. Adelaide	Nov 29	Dec 20
Kennally, Marg	Dec 1 '66	" 2	I found the following baptisms per-		
Brabant, Hilaire	Feb 24	" 25	formed by Rev. J. Mangin, O. M. I. in		
Lefebvre, Anne Sophia	Mch 15	Mch 19 1867			

Zenon, Sarah	1837	Dec 7	Duford, Narcisse and Marg.	
Gauthier, Henry	May 5 '60	" 7	Mibault	July 7
Gauthier, Charles	Oct 13 '61	" 7	Bissonnette, Fk. and Angele	
Gauthier, John	Nov 6 '65	" 7	Langlois	Nov 10
MARRIAGES.			Lavary, Fk. and Cath. Quesnel	" 10
Charpentier, Cyrille and Ma-			The following marriage was performed	
tilda Jegoux		Jan 7	by Rev. J. Mangin, O. M. L., in 1867:	
Schulz, Peter and Eliz. Kepler		" 17	Gauthier, Anthony and Sarah	
Simonette, Jos. and Alice Gillick		Feb 21	Zeno	Dec 7

CHAPTER VIII.

Father Paul de Saunhac.—St. Mary's Parish is Incorporated.—The Deeds for the Church, House and School Lots are Secured From Vincent LeRay and Recorded in the County Clerk's Office.—A Fourth Building Lot is Purchased and the Rectory Enlarged.—A Bell Fund is Started.

The twelfth priest who was appointed to Clayton, was Rev. Paul de Saunhac. He came to this place in December, 1867, and remained six years. Fr. de Saunhac was a thorough business man. Through neglect or forgetfulness, St. Mary's parish had never been incorporated, so Fr. de Saunhac straightened this matter on

Jan. 8th, 1870. The act of incorporation is still preserved and reads thus:

Know all men by these presents, that we, Rt. Rev. Joseph Conroy, Bishop of the diocese of Albany, in the State of New York, and the Very Rev. E. P. Wadhams, Vicar General of such diocese, and Rev. Paul de Sannhae, the pastor of St. Mary's of Clayton, in such diocese, pursuant to an act of the legislature of the State of New York, passed March 25, 1863, entitled "an act supplementary to the act entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of Religious Societies", passed April 5, 1813, do hereby certify that we have selected and appointed, and we do hereby select and appoint Leander Brabant and John Mulcahey, two laymen, members of said church, to be, and act with us, as trustees of said church and to unite with us in signing a certificate, in duplicate, showing the name of which we and they, and our and their successors as such trustees, shall be known and distinguished as a body corporate by virtue of the said supplementary act.

And we, the said Bishop, Vicar General, pastor and two laymen, do hereby make this certificate for the purpose of incorporating the said church as a Religious Society, under and by virtue of said supplementary act, and do determine and declare that we and our successors, as such trustees, shall be known and distinguished as a body corporate by the name of Saint Mary's of Clayton by virtue of said supplementary act.

In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and



REV. PAUL DE SAUNHAC
PASTOR AT CLAYTON FROM DECEMBER 1867 TO JULY 1873

seals, this 8th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

E. P. WADHAMS, V. G.

P. A. de SAUNHAC.

LEANDER BRABANT.

JOHN MULCAHEY.

Another important matter, which Fr. de Saunhac regulated, was to secure in writing the warranty deed of the two original lots No. 20 and No. 74, that is, the school and house lots donated by Vincent LeRay de Chaumont and to have the same recorded in the County Clerk's office, April 19th, 1872. Lot No. 73, or church lot, was donated by Vincent LeRay, Oct. 16, 1848, and was recorded March 1st, 1851. Fr. de Saunhac bought lot No. 75 south of the house for \$175 from Celestine Steel and built the first story of the south addition to the parochial house. He planted trees in front of the house and church and took good care of the church property. He attended Redwood whilst at Clayton. A bell fund was started in Father de Saunhac's time by means of an excursion and a few picnics.

Father Paul de Saunhac was born in France and was quite young when he came to this country. He was tall, robust, portly and of a dark complexion. He was jolly, friendly and congenial. He was a whole-souled man, loved company and was fond of visiting. He was familiar with everybody, could tell a good joke but was somewhat imprudent in his conversation. By this way

of acting, he made for himself many staunch friends who are devoted to him to this day, but he also made some enemies who opposed him bitterly and made life unpleasant for him. He left Clayton in July 1873, and from here, he went to the Kingston diocese, and he is at present pastor of the French church at Cornwall, Canada.

Following are the names of those whom he baptized, married and buried:

1867		1868		
MARRIAGES.		BAPTISMS.		
	Date.	Bonin, Wm.	July 5 '60	Mch 21
Sullivan, Thos. and Mary Mc-Gravy		Leenan, Joanna	Jan 15	" 21
	Dec. 25	Lewis, John	Apr 4	Apr 21
		Burns, Julie	Jan 8	" 21
		Carroll, Mary	Mch 15	" 21
DEATHS.		Brown, Marg.	Jan 7	" 22
	Date of Death.	Doggan, Doran	Feb 15	" 22
	Date of Burial.	Sullivan, Wm.	Dec 9	" 23
	McKelley, John	Dec 24	Langevin, Etienne	Apr 21
Cantwell, John	" 29	Fitzgerald, Hellen	Mch 13	May 2
BAPTISMS.		Guigerick, Ann	Dec 23 '67	" 3
		Nestor, Mary	Nov 1 '67	" 3
	Date of Birth.	Quesnel, Sophia	Apr 20	" 3
	Date of Bapt.	Lacombe, Solome Ar	May 9	" 10
		Gerbey, Joseph	" 12	" 14
O'Connor, Denis Ban	Dec 17 '67	Petry, Geo.	Apr 4	" 17
DuLac, Joseph Honore	Jan 4	" 19 Manson, Marg	Dec. 27 '67	" 17
O'Brien, Wm.	" 10	" 19 Sheehy, Lucey	Apr 19	" 17
Fitzgerald, Marg. Eliz	Oct 27 '67	" 19 Gleason, Wm	May 6	" 17
Maillet, John	Jan 29	Feb 23 Blackburn, Adelaide	Dec 14 '67	" 20
Mulcahey, Ed Pat	Feb 3	" 23 Blair, Alice	Jan 14	" 20
Benoit, Marg.	" 21	" 21 Senecal, Leon	Apr 21	" 24
Duford, Mary Amelie	Dec 21 '67	" 26 Menard, Eleazar	May 29	" 29
Johnson, Geo. Alphonse	Mch 10	Mch 17 Belley, Louise	Jan 27	" 31
Lalonde, Caroline	Feb 25	" 11 Gillick, Grace	Mch 8	" 31
Charlebois, Edward	Mch 23	Apr 15 Thibault, Adolphe Bruno	June 11	June 14
Daniel, Leon	" 18	Mch 29 Miller, Vincent Francis	Jan 27	" 14
McDonald, Cath	Feb 7	" 21 Gauthier, May Angeline	May 21	" 14

Champagne, Geo. Alfred	June 15	June 16	Lahnahan, James	Sept 26	Oct. 18
Brady, Fred. Wm.	Aug 2 '67	" 16	Campbell, Eliz.	Jan 29	" 18
Baker, Wm.	May 25	" 28	St. George, Mary	Feb 20	" 18
Golden, Honore	1850	" 21	Anderson, Alice	Sept 13 '55	" 18
Sullivan, Ann	May 7	" 21	Leber, Narcisse	Oct 3 '58	" 25
Motandau, Adele	" 15	" 28	Leber, Charles	Feb 26 '65	" 25
Kepler, Wm. Pat.	June 5	July 12	Leber, Joseph	Oct 28 '63	" 25
Jacques, Narcisse	" 22	" 12	Leber, George	Jan 20 '56	" 25
Longtin, Louise	July 8	" 12	Leber, Mary	Oct 8 '60	" 25
Duford, Joseph	" 5	" 12	Donnovan, Eliz.	Sept 10	" 25
Shneider, Wm. Jn	June 24	" 12	Daniel, Henriette Addie	Oct 20	Nov 1
Wheelan, Eliz.	" 6	" 16	Bazinet, Hellen Geneveve	" 21	" 1
Ledoux, Charlotte Hel-			Kellett, Wm. Paul Aug.		
len	" 22	" 16	Jos.	" 17	" 8
Kensella, Wm. Jos	July 21	Aug 2	Jegoux, Mary Ann	Nov 5	" 8
McCormick, Pat	" 16	" 2	Garey, Ann Cath.	Sept 15	" 15
Hughes, Eliz. Jane	June 20	" 1	Carroll, Marg. Ann	Oct 25	" 15
Matter, Emma	July 20	" 9	Booth, Alex. Wm.		" 15
Johnson, Edward	" 18	" 9	Charpentier, Isaie	Nov 29	" 21
Bertrand, Peter	Aug 6	" 9	Lavary, Frank Fred	" 22	" 25
Charlebois, Albert			Carter, Wm.	Sept 30	Dec 11
Oliver	" 6	" 9	Carter, Joe Dorothee	Mch 15 '67	" 11
Phelan, Francis	July 4	" 16	McGuire, Cath.	" 14 '53	" 21
Fitzgera'd, Mich	" 25	" 16	Mullen, Hellen Mennie	Dec 21	" 21
McEvoy, Ann	" 23	" 16	Moore, Lucey	July 28	" 28
Villiams, John Thos. Wm	" 10	" 16	Simard, Jerome	Dec 26	" 31
Berry, John Mich.	" 22	" 16	MARRIAGES.		
Leelan, Caroline	Aug 2	" 16	Charpentier, Isaie and Cath		
Doggan, James Pat.	July 6	Aug 20	Shollette		Jan 13
Doggan, Marg.	" 6	" 20	Hogan, Honore and Ann Tierney		" 30
Backus, Ann Mary	Aug 1	" 20	Michaud, James and Florence		
Lalonde, Cath.	Sept 5	Sept 5	Senecal		Feb 24
Dowdall, Mary	Aug 15	" 6	Hunt, John and Mary Ann		
Kanally, Cath.	June 7	" 6	Hayes		" 23
Miron, Marg.	Aug 30	" 6	Barton, Wm. and Eliz. Ebben	May 2	
Hagan, Thomas	Sept 1	" 6	O'Leary, Dan. and Mary Walker		" 19
Laguerre, Mary Nellie	" 6	" 11	Leroux, Francis and Clemena		
Stewart, Oliver	Aug 15 '66	" 13	Repentigny		Sept 29
Fitzgerald, Mary Paul-			Priem, Antoine and Malvina		
ine Jos	Aug 21	" 13	Lalonde		" 29
Roussel, Peter Jedeon	Sept 10	" 13	Booth, Alex. and Anna Omeare	Nov. 15	
Pilon, Adele Eliz.	Aug 24	" 13	O'Neill, Hercule and Julie Brown	Dec 6	
Masson, Paul	Sept 26	Oct. 4	DEATHS.		
Sterling, Jn. Richard	" 24	" 18			
McAllister, John	Aug 23	" 18	Williams, Eliz.	Jan 17	Jan 20
Lehay, John Walter	Sept 20	" 16	Mercier, Leocadie	Apr 28	Apr 29

Collins, Daniel	Aug 31	Sept 1	Masson, Joseph Mathias	Apr 11	June 6
Devoir, Catharine	Nov 10	Nov 12	Shale, Louis	Feb 16	" 13
Mullen, Michael	Dec 29	Dec 31	Jordan, Eliz.	May 16	" 13

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BAPTISMS.

Howarth, James	Dec 24 '68	Jan 3	Cummings, Cecilia	" 29	" 27
Sureau, George	" 28 '68	" 3	Prieur, Marie Josette	June 27	" 28
Pilon, Geo. Horace	" 29 '68	" 4	Bissonnette, Isaac Jos.	" 20	" 29
Pound, Cath	Jan 2	" 17	York, Louise Eliz.	Dec 27 '68	July 4
Maloy, Denis James	Dec 23 '68	" 17	Charlebois, Mary Ann	June 13	" 11
Johnson, Henriette	Jan 15	" 24	Myers, Felix Geo.	July 11	" 15
Charpentier, Ephriam	" 28	Feb 2	Leary, Jeanne	June 23	" 18
Dewyer, Francis	Oct 11 '68	" 14	Motondou, Marie Adele	May 27	" 25
Lepage, John	Feb 10	" 14	Dophine, Louis	Apr 7	" 25
Collin, Moise X	" 2	" 14	McKay, Ellen Eliz.	Feb 19	" 31
Bold, Cath. Eliz.	" 15	" 16	Letarte, Augustin	Aug 1	Aug 1
Tierney, Lawrence John	" 18	" 22	Denis, Marie	July 20	" 1
Charpentier, Matilde	" 20	May 14	Champagne, Rose Mal-		
Rhodrigue, John	May 13	" 14	vina	Aug 1	" 1
Lawler, Cath.	Jan 31	" 15	Cantwell, Marg.	July 13	" 2
Dwyer, James	" 27	" 17	Corekran, Susan	Aug 3	" 16
Riley, Thomas	Feb 11	" 17	Nolan, Catharine	" 13	" 16
Kelley, Sara Susa	" 4	" 17	O'Hara, Eliz.	July 21	Aug 18
Lyons, John	Apr 9 '67	" 21	Gillan, John Ed.	Aug 11	" 20
O'Connell, Hellen	Feb 11	" 21	Seneal, Augustus	July 17	" 27
Garvin, Adeline	Jan 12	" 25	Guess, Corneilus	" 16	" 29
Thibault, Paschal Ben	May 28	Apr 6	Hyde, Chas Wm	" 8	Sept 5
Hayes, John Emmet Pat	" 7	" 15	Duford, Mary Gertrude	Aug 28	" 5
McCue, Patrick	" 20	" 15	Tureot, Joseph Paul	Sept 5	" 5
O'Shea, John Francis	Apr 16	" 25	Picard, Louis	Apr 20 '63	" 19
Morehouse, Nellie	" 8	" 25	Picard, John	Feb 11	" 13
Cavaghna, Gregory	" 10	" 26	Goulet, Marg	Jan 20 '68	" 19
Jette, Alfred Jos	Sept 9 '68	May 9	O'Brien, Marg. Jane	Aug 20	" 19
Delaney, Ann	Apr 22	" 9	Bolten, Charles	" 19	" 19
Belleville, Pat	" 18	" 9	Bouchard, Louise	Oct 1	Oct 2
Shneider, Geo.	May 14	" 16	Barney, James Henry	Dec 25 '68	" 3
Lajennesse, Francis	May 16	" 23	Halenau, Daniel	Sept 6	" 17
Kelsa, Julia	Feb 20	" 23	Weelcock, Eliz.	May 20 '49	" 20
Knight, Andrew Jos	May 13	" 30	O'Shea, Cristina Ther-		
Beaumont, Marie Em-			esa	Sept 28	" 20
ma	May 30	June 4	Whalton, Jr. Geo	July 23	" 24
Bertrand, J. B.	June 5	" 6	Farrell, Mary Lucey	" 30	" 24
Farrell, Thomas Bernard	Apr 19	" 6	Bertrand, Henriette	Oct 5	" 10

Quesnel, Alex.	Oct 8	Oct 10	Delmarse, Norbert and Delima	
Picard, Alfred	" 22	Nov 1	Lafleur	Dec 21
Delaney, Thos. Charles	" 18	" 7	Adner, Wm. and Ann Dorothy	" 26
Kanally, Eliz.	Aug 11	" 14	Mercier, Wm. and Eliz. Cartier	" 30
Menard, Mary Angele	Nov 8	" 14		
Cholette, Alex. Raphael	Oct 17	" 28		
Leroux, Delima	Nov 23	Dec 2		
Fitzgerald, Marg.	" 5	" 14		
Esseltyn, Mary Matilda	1848	" 25		
Foley, Dan. Edward	Nov 26	" 25		
Burns, John James	Dec 15	" 25		
Adner, Wm.	1847	" 26		

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BAPTISMS.

Quesnel, Louis	Dec 23 '69	Jan 1
Belanger, Agatha Eliz.	Dec 22	" 2
Foltz, Charles	June 23 '48	" 13
Malloy, Thos. Fk.	Dec 13 '69	" 19
Bush, Wm.	" 28 '69	" 23
McKinley, John	" 21 '69	" 30
Lalonde, Chars Fabien	Feb 10	Feb 10
Benoit, Ann	Jan 16	" 13
Lajoie, Salome Denise	" 1	" 17
Groom, John Fk.	June 28 '68	" 27
Sullivan, James	Mch 7	Mch 27
Charpentier, Arthur	" 27	Apr 3
Rhodrigue, Joseph Leon	Apr 10	" 10
Masson, Henriette	Mch 31	" 10
Carroll, Jehu	Feb 15	" 18
Gallagher, Tos. John	Mch 22	" 17
Turgeon, Joseph	Apr 10	" 10
Lavary, Marie Jeanne	Jan 10	Apr 22
Pilon, Hellen	Feb 27	May 1
Kensella, Mary Agnes	May 13	" 29
Charpentier, Wm. Cyrille	Apr 20	" 19
Daniel, Israel	June 2	June 2
Guigerick, Sarah	Aug 29 '69	" 4
Lachance, Mary Cath.	May 27	" 1
Johnson, Francis Hor-		
misdas	" 20	" 12
Rhodrigue, Francis	July 3	July 7
Langevin, Joseph	" 18	" 18
Dwyer, E-sras James	May 18	" 17
Menard, Wm. Alex.	July 24	" 24
Langlois, Olivier Jean	" 26	" 30
Fitzgerald, Fred. Ellis-		
worth	" 5	" 31
Benoit, Marie Leocadie	" 20	" 31
Flynn, Wm.	Apr 18	Aug 7
Edmond, Hyacinthe Theo	Aug 26	" 27
Beaumont, Geo. Honore	Aug 2	" 3

MARRIAGES.

Bouchard, Jn. and Salome Benoit	Jan 4	Feb 10
Quesnel, Alex. and Lina		
Langlois	" 4	" 13
Menard, Alex. and Joanna		
Conley	" 11	" 27
Cain, Denis and Cath. Mullen	" 17	Apr 3
Folny, John and Mary O'Shea	Apr 23	" 10
Levesque, Leandre and Mary		
O'Neill	May 1	" 18
Turgeon, Damas and Mary		
Langevin	" 3	" 10
Rhodrigue, Louis and Mary		
Daniel	June 7	May 1
Rhodrigue, Fk. and Adele Daniel	" 7	" 29
Jaques, Wm. and Julianne		
Longtin	Apr 19	" 19
Lalonde, Louis and Gertrude		
Quesnel	Aug 30	" 1
Bolten, Charles and Hellen		
Farley	Sept 19	" 12
Edmond Theo. and Deima		
Lalonde	Oct 4	July 7
Langlois, Evangelist and Caro-		
line Quesnel	" 4	" 18
Maher, Richard and Hellen		
Grant	" 4	" 17
O'Shea, Pat. and Eliz. Weelcock	" 20	" 24
Pound, Thomas and Marg.		
Phelan	" 24	" 30
Tasse, Louis and Francoise		
Senecal	" 25	" 27

Muleahey, Walter Francis	Aug 24	Sept 7	Hamelin, Augustin	July 4	July 5
McKinley, Arthur Geo.	Feb 14	" 11	Belanger, Mercelline	" 10	" 12
Charlebois, Eli Jr.	Aug 29	" 18	Hayes, Wm.	" 9	" 12
Jegoux, Mary Rose	" 10	" 18	Sureau, George	" 10	" 13
Jordan, Francoise	" 20	" 25	Howarth, James	" 16	" 19
Bazinot, Josephine	Sept 28	Oct 5	Cartier, Joseph	Oct 26	Oct 27
Brown, Nicholas	June 1	" 11	Paquette, Mrs.	Aug 1	Aug 2
Lavary, Marie	Oct 13	" 17	Gervais, Mrs.	" 24	" 25
Belanger, Cesaire	" 18	" 23	Masson, Michael	Nov 23	Nov 24
Sureau, Joseph	" 19	" 30			
Longtin, Wm. Henry	" 11	" 30			
Quesnel, Albert	Feb 5	Nov 6			
St. Amant, Josephine	Nov 3	" 6			
Brown, Thomas	Jan 12 '48	" 14	Iselop, Susanne	1847	Jan 3
Kelsa, Ann Louise	Apr '45	" 15	Coselman, Mary	Nov 25 '70	Dec 8 '70
Stanton, Louise	July 4 '70	" 15	Fitzgerald, Isabella		

BAPTISMS.

			Sarah	Oct 10 '70	Feb 12
			Leroux, Marie Adeline	Jan 26	" 12
			Charlebois, Augustus	" 23	" 26
			Pilon, Armand Sylvester	" 28	Feb 5
			Dwyer, Anna Eliz.	" 4	" 17
			Howarth, Rosa Delima	Dec 29 '70	" 26
			McKoy, James Henry	Feb 26	Feb 29
			McCormic, Honore	Jan 1	Apr 9
			Prieur, Pauline Aurelie	May 16	May 18
			Picard, Wm.	Apr 10	Apr 16
			Brabant, Sophia	" 22	" 23
			Collin, George	Oct 21 '70	June 3
			Benoit, Milie	July 12	July 12
			Cantwell, Catharine	" 14	Aug 20
			Kannally, Alice	Feb 15	June 25
			Charpentier, Hellen	July 22	Aug 15
			Langevin, James Chas.	Sept 4	Sept 6
			Downes, Edmond Ch.	July 31	" 10
			Blanchette, Phil. Victoire	Sept 10	" 10
			Bertrand, Benj. Aug.	" 15	" 15
			Farrel, Will Jas.	Aug 23	Oct 1
			Russel, Eugene	Sept 27	" 1
			Bouchard, Mary Solome	" 30	" 2
			Jette, Jn. Louis	Feb 1	" 14
			Quesnel, Sophia	Oct 17	" 21
			Benoit, Isabelle Marie	Nov 17	Nov 20
			Thibault, Jos. Henry	" 23	" 23
			Lefebvre, Jos. Ovide	Oct 31	" 26
			Purcell, Wm. John	" 31	Dec 3
			Denis, Henry	Nov 19	" 3

MARRIAGES.

Belanger, Felix and Amelie Duval	Jan 2				
Benoit, Elicenne and Henriette Larpentigny	" 29				
Folt, Charles and Marg. McCormic	" 13				
Cunningham, Thomas and Mary Wall	Feb 22				
McDonald, Wm. and Cath. Lafleur	June 15				
Paquette, Jos. and Cath. Daniel	Aug 30				
O'Connell, James and Adeline Wall	Sept 18				
Blanchette, Jos. and Louise Lajoie	Oct 11				
Malloy, James and M. Tailor	" 22				
Brown, Thomas and Joanna O'Connell	Nov 14				
Gervais, Francis and Anna Stanton	" 15				

DEATHS.

Fortin, Eliz.	Jan 13	Jan 14	Quesnel, Sophia	Oct 17	" 21
Lawler, Richard	Feb 10	Feb 13	Benoit, Isabelle Marie	Nov 17	Nov 20
Kensella, Judith	" 14	" 17	Thibault, Jos. Henry	" 23	" 23
Williams, Will	May 4	May 5	Lefebvre, Jos. Ovide	Oct 31	" 26
Bazinot, Alex	" 28	" 31	Purcell, Wm. John	" 31	Dec 3
Belleville, Telman	" 29	June 1	Denis, Henry	Nov 19	" 3

Rhodrigue, Jos. Louis			Goulet, George	June 17	Dec 23
Alfred	Dec 14	" 24	Edmond, Oliver	" 29	" 29
Brancheau, Mary Alice	" 18	" 24	Belanger, James Chas.	July 29	Aug 4

MARRIAGES.

Thibault, Anthony and Susan sanna Iselop	Jan 3		Pilon, Christina Ann	May 22	Sept 1
Gillick, Mathew and Anna McCormick	" 9		Lepage, Jerome Honore	Sept 3	" 8
Purcell, John and Cath. Brennan	Feb 12		Charpentier, Milie Marie	" 8	" 9
Hamel, Hugh and Mary Johnson	Sept 1		Turcot, Cath. Emma	Oct 2	Oct 6
Lalonde, J. B. and Adelaide Sim- ard	Oct 15		Howarth, Elmira	" 1	" 6
			Bazinet, Anastasia	" 3	" 11
			Hughes, Mary Angela	Sept 29	" 17
			Hamel, Francis Aug.	Oct 21	" 23
			Thibault, Maurice Benj.	" 29	Nov 3
			Thibault, Hellen Angel- ique	Nov 6	" 6

DEATHS.

Ryan, Nellie	Jan 13	Jan 14	Menard, Jn. Willington	" 10	" 10
Campbell, Frederic	May 1	May 4	Williams, James	" 13	" 24
Belleville, Antoine	June 16	June 22	Rhodrigue, Wm. Honore	" 30	Dec 2
Stapleton, Mary	" 28	" 29	Langevin, Edward	Dec 11	" 12
Delaney, Mary Ann	Mch 22	Mch 25	Happ, Julie Kate	Sept 30	" 17
Cartier, Edward	Sept 22	Sept 23	Larpentigny, Mary Sophia	Dec 26	" 27
Duford, Emma Jeanne	Nov 5	Nov 8	Dowdall, Mary Ellen Julia	" 1	" 29
Maher, Denis	Dec 8	Dec 11	Laguerre, Andrew	Mch 3	" 29
Penet, Louis	" 19	" 21			

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MARRIAGES.

BAPTISMS.

			McGowan, James and Bridget		
Pilon, Stephen	Oct 29 '71	Jan 28	McCarter		Jan 7
Benoit, Eliza	Jan 25	" 28	Williams, James J. and Jeanne		" 30
Belleville, Alex. Aug	" 26	" 28	Laughlin		" 30
Garvais, Wm. Nap.	" 23	Feb 11	Cornaire, Francis and R. Duford		Feb 7
Menard, Dorothee Geor- giana	Feb 23	Mch 3	Bellanger, James and Mary		June 12
Quesnel, Delima	" 29	" 6	Lalonde		June 12
Quesnel, Matilda	" 20	" 22	Laguerre, Wm. and Mary Char- lebois		May 28
Daniel, Marie Ann	Mch 23	" 23	Wiley, Francis and Mary		Feb 12
Mulcahey, Chas. Peter	" 22	" 25	Allum		Feb 12
Turgeon, Mary Delima	" 21	" 25	Menard, Geo. and Mary Sauve		Apr 2
Letarte, Peter Felix	Apr 11	Apr 14	Mercier, Wilfred and Jeanne Cartier		Aug 3
Belanger, Elmira Sophia	" 22	" 23	Larpentigny, Fk. and Mary		Sept 2
Dwyer, James Miron	Sept 1 '71	" 28	Lalonde		" 10
Delaney, Ann	Mch 27	" 28	Delaney, John and Kate Kellett		" 10
Jegoux, Honore	May 2	May 26	Bissonnette, J. B. and Lucy Carriere		Oct 10
McKinley, Michael	Apr 3	" 29	Lachance, Oliver and Flavie Daniel		Nov 13
Charpentier, Leander	May 20	June 9			
Kepler, Cath. Adele	Feb 22	" 16			

DEATHS.

Fitzgerald, John Mrs	Apr 20	Apr 22	Craig, James	Mei 28	Apr 7
Mercier, Elizabeth	June 14	June 15	Lanthier, Gertrude	" 17	" 20
Bissonnette, Angeliue	July 4	July 7	Thibault, M. Louise	May 1	May 4
Wise, Edward	" 24	" 26	Jordan, Wilfred	Oct 1 '72	" 13
Maher, Michael	Aug 23	Aug 24	Johnson, Georgiana Mary	May 17	" 18
Charrettier, Josephine	Oct 28	Nov 1	Pilon, Josephine	" 3	" 19
Hughes, Mrs. Ann	Nov 12	" 14	Kelley, Rose	" 19	" 22
Wise, Mary Ann	" 16	" 17	Miller, Milie	Jan 20 '69	June 12
			Bissonnette, Ovile	June 23	" 23
			Laguerre, Nellie	" 11	July 4
			Dwyer, Dan Albert	July 3	" 13
			Downes, Fk. Eugene	" 15	" 20

1873

BAPTISMS.

Delaney, Jos. James	Nov 11 '72	Jan 1	Mercier, Fred and Mary		
Charrettier, Josephine			Laguerre		Jan 1
M. L.	Jan 9	" 13	Laporte, Nicholas and Mary		" 13
Lalonde, Geo.	" 21	" 23	Lalonde		" 13
Belleville, Josephine	" 11	" 28	Lalonde, Oliver and Annantine		" 13
Church, Jas. W.		Feb 4	Lajoie		Feb 4
Sureau, Marie Louise			Church, Jos. and Mary Gillick		" 5
Vict.	Feb 2	" 9	Duford, Joseph and Eliz. Allum		" 19
Bertrand, Martha	Jan 28	" 16	Tiney, John and Jeanne Crable		Apr 18
Kannally, Lucy Ann	July 7 '72	" 18	Lefebvre		
Lavary, Marie Sophia	Feb 18	" 19			
Crable, John Vannaner	1851				
Prieur, Antoine	Feb 28	Mei 1			
Quesnel, Adele	Mei 7	" 8			
Langlois, Angele	" 15	" 16			
Charlebois, Agatha	Feb 18	" 3			
Morrisson Wm. Jos.	Oct 8 '48	Apr 6			

DEATHS.

Francœur (Lavary) Cath.	Apr 23	Apr 24
Craig, Delima	May 1	May 2
Hugh, Jeanne	" 24	" 27
Pilon, Armand	" 26	" 27



REV. FATHER PERRET
ATTENDED CLAYTON FROM JULY 1873 TO JANUARY 1874

CHAPTER IX.

Rev. Fathers Peret and Arents.—Apple Trees are Planted Around the Rectory and Church.

The thirteenth priest to take charge of Clayton was Rev. Father Peret from Rosiere, who had just arrived from France. He came here in July, 1873, and ministered to the spiritual wants of the catholics of Clayton only until Jan 1874. As he could not get along with the trustees at Rosiere, he begged the Bishop's permission to come and live here. This request was refused; and as he was unwilling to live at Rosiere under such conditions, he left for New York, where he died a few years after.

Rev. Father Peret was small, had a fair complexion, and wore a wig; he was nervous and excitable, but still, was well liked by the Clayton people. He spoke English very poorly when he first came to Clayton, but he learned it quickly and could preach in that language before he left.

He baptized Nov. 5th, Mary Helen Delaney, born October 30, 1873. He married John Barrett to Sophia Lefebvre.

The fourteenth priest who became pastor of Clayton was Father T. Arents, a Belgian. He came to this vil-

lage in January, 1874, and left in August, 1875. Whilst here, he attended Rosiere, Cape Vincent and Lafargeville. Father Arents improved the house lot, planted a row of cedars from the house to the vestry room, fifty apple trees around the house and in the rear of the church and tilled the garden himself with the greatest care.

Father Arents was an odd man and seemed to do many things under the impulses of his eccentric nature. He scarcely ever wore a hat even in the coldest season of the year and loved to live alone. A house keeper was a piece of luxury in his eyes, so he cooked his own meals and took care of his house. Yet, the neighbors were kind, and often brought him cooked victuals. He was unceremonious and would work in the garden in his shirt sleeves, regardless of passersby.

Father Arents was middle sized, dark complexioned and stout. He was intelligent and a good speaker. He was pious, regular, attentive in teaching catechism and faithful to all his other pastoral duties. He was also noted as a good financier, a fine musician and a grand singer. He was very fond of children, would stop them after school and make them sing hymns in his house. Many of the fathers and mothers of today, remember the grand old time they enjoyed with Father Arents in his house, which was more of a solitude, than the habitually animated rectory of an American pastor.

Father Arents left here in August, 1875, for Belgium, with the intention of coming back to Clayton. He only



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took a pebble as a souvenir of Clayton and a change of clothes. His books and all his other effects he left here. In spite of his sincere intention of coming back to Clayton, Father Arents was induced by his relatives to stay home and he is still living in his native town.

Following are those he baptized married and buried:

1874							
BAPTISMS.							
	Date of Birth.	Date of Bapt.					
Bertrand, Wm	Dec 22 '73	Jan 6	Charpentier, Louise	July 3	July 5		
Bertrand, Chas Louis	Dec 29 '72	" 6	Barbier, Louis	May 30	" 2		
Cole, Ida	May 1 '54	" 7	Faveret, Jos Wm	July 5	" 26		
Mercier, Marie Eliz.	Jan 19	" 19	Cornaie, Mary Louise	June 27	" 26		
Charpentier, Nelson	" 23	" 24	McKinley, Geo. Robert	July 17	Aug 2		
Howe, Thomas	" 27	" 27	Molany, John Richard	May 9	" 9		
Daniel, Emma	" 13	" 28	Emond, Walter	Aug 6	" 9		
Charlebois, Louis	Oct 16 '73	Feb 1	Belanger, Viola	" 9	" 10		
Lajoie, Isaida	Jan 21	" 1	Hamel, John	" 17	" 23		
Hax, Sophia	" 2	" 2	Charpentier, Cyrille				
Coffian, Zelia Ann Mary	" 14	" 14	Chas.	Sept 8	Sept 11		
Benoit, Honore	Feb 8	" 15	Collin, Hellen Geneveve	Aug 17	" 16		
Evans, Joseph	" 15	" 16	Bissonnette, Izilda	Sept 12	" 13		
Branchand, Maxim	" 17	" 22	Zimmerman, Geo. Peter	Aug 27	" 20		
Turgeon, Eliz.	Mich 25	Mich 25	Charetier, M. Louise				
Stumps, Cath. Barbara Eliz.	" 23	" 28	Ann	Sept 27	Oct 7		
Belanger, Angelina	Apr 5	Apr 5	Lepage, Amable	Oct 18	" 19		
Ponchet, Matilde	" 5	" 6	Brown, George	Apr 25 '72	" 20		
Leroux, Francisus X	May 2	May 3	Bazinet, Joseph	Oct 1	" 20		
Jegoux, Mary Cecilia	" 3	" 21	Thibault, Sophia Eliz	" 23	Nov 2		
Delaney, Monica Eliz	" 3	" 24	McKinley, Hellen	" 10	" 8		
Levesque, Nathalie Louise	" 30	" 31	Lavary, Emilie	Nov 15	" 16		
Farrel, Eugene	Apr 6	" 24	Menard, Florence	" 5	" 22		
Cole, Edward	1846	June 6	Sperrey, Geo. Clarence	Oct 31	" 29		
Delaney, Cath		May 31	Churco, Charles	Nov 28	" 30		
Dwyer, Ellen	Mich 4 '73	June 25	Fulth, Romalie	Jan 18 '74	Dec 6		
Bourey, George Victor	June 23	" 28	Priour, Henry	Dec 12	" 12		
Denis, Edward	" 11	" 28	Combstock, John		Aug 2		
Chavoutier, Ernest Ed- win	May 22	" 28					
				MARRIAGES.			
				Gillick, James and Ida Cole	Jan 7		
				Howe, Thomas and Alice Gillick	" 27		
				Chevallier, John and Eliz.			
				Constanzer	Feb 10		
				Hughes, Michael and Anna M.			
				Coffian	" 15		

Belleville, Fabien and Sarah Pilon	Feb 15	Bertrand, Joseph	Feb 18	Feb 20
Lepage, Edward and Emilie Rhodrigue	" 16	McLaughlin, Lawrence	Feb 1	Feb 2
Diepolder, Mich. and Sophia Hax	" 16	Menard, Dora	" 6	" 8
Wiley, Peter and Vitaline Rousseau	" 16	Brabant, Lucy	" 29	" 31
Evans, Joseph and Esther Ellems	" 16	Cantwell, Annetta	Apr 28	Apr 30
Flynn, Ignatius and Eliz. Duford	Apr 18	Lalonde, Mary	May 7	May 10
Maxville, John and Anna Charles	" 20	Stark, Jacob	" 15	" 18
Ryan, Patrick and Preville Henrietta	" 21	Gillick, Rev. Philip	" 17	" 19
Quesnel, Israel and Parmelia Benoit	May 11	Thibault (Dufault) Cecil-ia	June 14	June 15
Cole, Edward H. and Mary Purcell	June 6	Brousseau, Pauline	" 20	" 22
Brabant, Joseph and Mary Hamel	" 15	Lanthier, Wm.	" 27	" 27
Gauthier, Hyacinth and Eliz Daniel	July 6	Leroux, Delina	July 6	July 7
Guay, Severe and Virginie Goyette	" 6	Belleville, Virginia	" 7	" 8
Langevin, Mich. and Sophia Leroux	" 13	Church, Hubert	" 16	" 18
Combstock, John and Cath. McCormick	Aug 2	Leroux, Mary Sophia	Aug 4	Aug 5
Crowley, John and Annita Leroux	" 17	Delaney, Monica	Sept 5	Sept 6
Conway, Eli and Cath. Gillick	Nov 2	Delaney, Thomas	Oct 9	Oct 11
Varney, Henry and Eliz Weaver	" 10	O'Reiley, Eliz.	" 26	" 28
Weaver, John and Barbara Kimmes	" 10	Langevin, Edward	Nov 26	Nov 27
Mason, Dominic and Marg Doyle	" 16	Delaney, Mrs. Thomas	" 30	Dec 3
Duford, Alfred and Viola Spencer	Dec 25			
Hayes, John W. and Marg Gooley	" 26			
Lepage, Joseph and Mary Rhodrigue	" 24			

1875

BAPTISMS.

Chavoutier, Louis	Dec 19 '74	Jan 6
Purcell, James	Jan 9	" 11
Barrett, Eliz. Pauline	Dec 21	" 23
Menard, Mary Angeline	Sept 3 '74	" 24
Bertrand, Clarinda	Dec 29 '74	" 24
Burns, Froelich Melinda		
Cath.	Jan 17	" 31
Maher, Costella Amelia	" 11	" 31
Wiley, Bedell John		
Ignotius	Dec 23 '74	" 31
Flint, Cath	1853	Feb 9
Benoit, Lillie Rhodrigue	Feb 11	" 15
Marshal, Lawrence John M		" 27
Mercier, Mary Corine		" 28
Picard, Duncan Steph-		
ens	Feb 20	Feb 5
Charpentier, Amelie		
Matilda	" 28	" 11
Chevallier, Leonard	" 6	" 14
Rapholz, Alex. F. R.	Feb 10	" 15
Belleville, Anthony	" 5	" 15

DEATHS.

Lalonde, (Westman) Emma	Dec 31 '73	Jan 2
Charpentier, Emelia	Jan 1	" 3

Constanzer, Therese Cath	Mch 21	Mch 24	Flynn, Hellen Florence	July 4	July 11
Branch, Clarence Louis	" 5	" 20	Bourcey, Anastasie Eliz.	June 12	" 18
Jones, Emma Louise		" 31	Aubertin, Mary Louise	" 21	Aug 1
Denis, Lillie	Apr 15	Apr 17	Thibault, Geo. Anthony	Aug 7	" 8
Gillick, Bernard James	Jan 10	" 18	MARRIAGES.		
Kepler, Albert James	May 25	" 18	Gaugier, Anthony and Rossina		
Peo, Remi Ernest	Nov 7 '74	" 25	Renayler		Feb 2
Wiley, Eliz.	Apr 28	May 6	Marchand, Claud and Nathalie		
Downes, Cath. Alice	" 7	" 14	Vautrin		" 2
Gauthier, James	" 15	" 16	Doctor, Martin and Cath. Humpel		" 2
Langevin, M. Louise	May 15	" 16	Reff, Peter and Cath. Delaney		" 8
Quesnel, Delia	" 3	" 22	Gillick, Mathew and Cath. Flint		" 9
Longtin, Louis Nap	June 4	June 5	Hughes, Pat James and Alice		
Laurent, Henriette Vir-			O'Reily		" 9
ginie	Mch 20	May 25	Bourcey, Stephens and Marg.		
Pilon, Frank	June 3	June 6	Gouper		Mch 30
Barton, Ann Eliz	Apr 5	" 13	Wagner, Geo. and Mary Bourcey		" 30
Aubertin, Louis Eustache			Reff, John and Emma Louise		
	Sept 1 '70	May 9	Jones		" 31
Aubertin, Geo Theodore	Feb 3	" 9	Brabant, Leander and Cleophile		
Aubertin, Francis Eueh-			Lalonde		Apr 17
ere	Mch 6 '75	" 9	Bergeron, Thos. and Ellen Thi-		
Gaugien, Anthony	May 11	June 20	bault		May 20
Johnson, Geo. Wm	June 29	July 4			
Charlebois, Angelic	May 17	" 11	No deaths recorded in 1875.		



CHAPTER X.

Rev. Father John Craven.

The fifteenth priest appointed to Clayton was Rev. John Craven. He came here in August 1875 and left in February 1876. He was born in Ireland and came to this country in the sixties. He was at Croghan in 1876, at Olmsteadville between 1870 and 1873. He was of ordinary stature, large and fair looking, but of a pronounced nervous temperament. Upon his arrival at Clayton, he found fault with the furniture in the rectory. To please him, Mrs. Joseph Thibault and Mrs. Bridget Delaney took up a subscription and with this money furnished the whole house. This proof of good will on the part of the people did not satisfy him and he frequently upbraided them for their want of generosity. By this conduct he soon had the whole congregation against him. The Bishop was asked to remove him, which he did February 1876. Shortly after, he was declared insane and was sent to the asylum at Longue Point, P. Q., where he has been ever since. To excuse his strange conduct here and elsewhere, posterity needs no better proof than these many years spent in an insane asylum.

Following are those whom he baptized and married.

1875

BAPTISMS.

	Date of Birth	Date of Bapt.
Bertrand, Mich. Jas	Apr 4	Apr 18
Langlois, Alexander	" 29	" 29
Thibault, Clara Gentila	Sept 3	Sept 3
Gelinot, Nelson	Aug 28	" 26
Turgeon, Denis	Oct 1	Oct 3
Rhodrigue, Clara	Aug 7	" 17
Benoit, Nelson	Oct 22	" 30
Charlebois, Henry	" 22	" 31
Lalonde, Matilda	Nov 12	Nov 14
Rhodrigue, Louis	" 15	" 18
Daniel, Adele	" 9	" 20
Hayes, Cath. Honora	" 14	" 20
Comstock, Geo	Aug 3	" 20
Leroux, Joseph	Nov 24	" 24
Cole, Mary	Dec 18 '74	" 28
Lawrence, Julie	Nov 14	Dec 7
Lachance, Margarite	Sept 18	" 22
Coselman, Wm. Jos.	Dec 1	" 29
One baptism by Rev. C. Fournier, C. S. V.		
Favret, Joanna Adelina	Apr 28 '75	June 25 '75

MARRIAGES.

	Date.
Johnson, Duncan and Mary Picard	Aug 29
Ebben, Geo. and Mary A Farrel	Dec 26
Leroux, Godfroy and Delia Daniel	" 27
No deaths recorded in 1875.	

1876

BAPTISMS.

Lepage, David	Jan 22	Jan 23
Barrett, Marg. Menette	" 27	Feb 5
Belanger, Gertrude	" 19	" 8

MARRIAGES.

Gardner, Edwin and Susan McComie	Jan 6
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CHAPTER XI.

Rev. Fathers Wm. Rossiter and M. J. Brown.

The sixteenth priest who ministered to the catholics of Clayton was Father Wm. Rossiter. He was pastor at Redwood and attended Clayton from March 1876 to June 15th, 1876. Father Rossiter is tall, stout and has a fair complexion. He is amiable and very kind. He impressed all Claytonians as being a gentleman and a true priest of God. He is at present pastor of the english speaking church at Malone. He baptised the following:

1876		Giroux, Wm. Anthony		" 24	" 2
BAPTISMS.		Mercier, Ellen Eliz.		Mch 2	Apr 2
		Pilon, Edna Mary		Dec 20 '75	" 2
Date of Birth	Date of Bapt	Belanger, Octavie		Apr 26	" 30
		Branchand, Adeline		Feb 9	" 30
Lalonde, Ella	Feb 15	Mch 8	Lepage, Julie Ann	May 24	May 25
Langlois, Mary Delia	" 25	" 8	Rusheleau, Eliz.	" 1	" 24
Delaney, Thos. Pat.	Mch 17	" 23	Fitzgerald, Cecilia	" 8	" 25
Belanger, James Geo	" 10	" 23	Lajoie, George	" 18	June 15
Roussel, Ed. Benj.	Jan 25	Apr 2	Langevin, Maria Cecilia	June 9	" 15

The seventeenth priest whom St. Mary's church had for a pastor was Rev. Michael J. Brown. He came here in Aug. 1876, a young priest fresh from the seminary. He found the parish all upset, but by his winning ways, he soon made peace and established unity among his



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flock. He strove to pay the \$150.00 due J. J. Delaney for repairs on house and church, but left before he could succeed, in June 1877. His departure was a great shock to catholicity in Clayton, for the people actually worshipped him and would have done a great deal to keep him. But the Bishop thought best to remove him from this place and to send him to Redwood, where he carried with him the universal regret of this congregation.

Father Brown, in those days, was short and slender and had a fair complexion. He was meek and amiable; he was a good financier, a practical preacher, was pious, charitable and a great favorite among all classes of people. He is now pastor at Hogansburg.

Following are those he baptized, married and buried :

1876			MARRIAGES.		
BAPTISMS.				Date.	
	Date of Birth	Date of Bapt.	Narault, Charles and Delila Rhodrigue	Sept 10	
McKay, Laura Cath.	Apr 4	Sept 17	McKinley, Geo. H. and Marg.	" 20	
Bazinet, Fabien	Sept 3	Oct 7	Halpin		
Boucher, James	" 20	" 7			
Bertrand, Wm.	" 30	" 8			
Churco, James Frank	" 26	" 10			
Pierce, Louise	" 22	" 17			
Pontien, Francis L.	Oct 27	" 29	McKinley, James	Nov 10	Nov 12
Gelinot, Helena	Sept 6	Nov 2			
Prieur, George	Nov 13	" 24			
Quesnel, Cath.	" 26	Dec 7			
Leroux, Joseph	Dec 6	" 6			
Simard, Louise	Oct 24	" 15	Hughes, John Pat	Feb 1	Feb 4
Simard, Andrew	Dec 8 '72	" 27	Delaney, Eliz.	Jan 12	" 10
Simard, Augustin	" 8 '74	" 27	Thibault, Philomina	Feb 5	" 11
Bouchard, Geo. Albert	Aug 12	Aug 12	Laughlin, Anna	Dec 26 '70	" 20
Bouchard, Mary Ann	" 12	" 12	Lanthier, Bertha Flo.	Feb 10	" 25
Denis, Carie	July 16	" 13	Letarte, Joseph Ed.	" 25	" 25
Hamel, Clara Louise			Gillette, Willie de Volga	" 9	Mch 11
Anna	Aug 4	" 15	Charlebois, John	" 17	" 24
Gillick, Edward Eugene	" 7	" 27	Quesnel, George	Mch 26	" 28

1877

BAPTISMS.

Thiabault, Phileas	Apr 15	Apr 15	Charpentier, Mary Ade-		
Charpentier, Albert	" 15	" 22	laide	May 12	June 5
Thibault, Victoria Jose-			Brabant, Ida Josephine	June 10	" 10
phine	" 20	May 6	Jegoux, Adelaide	" 15	July 2
O'Keefe, Martin	June 17 '76	" 10			
Lawrence, Joseph Henry		" 16			
Marshal, Eugene		Mch 19	Boucher, Joseph and Mary		
Gauthier, Clara	May 10	" 20	Laguerre		June 11
Molaney, James Pat	Mch 17 '76	" 20	Goodfriend, Peter and Eliz		
Leroux, George	May 11	" 12	Bissonnette		Jan 1
Zeno, Marie Hellen	Apr 28	" 27	Emond, Louis and Anna		
Turgeon, James Leander	May 20	June 4	Brabant		" 7
			Duford, Joseph and Mary Bailey		" 10

MARRIAGES.

CHAPTER XII.

Father J. J. Sherry's Second Term.—The Old Church is Moved to where it Now Stands.—A Building and a Window Fund are Started.—Fathers Thos. Plunkett, O'Neill and B. Caraher.—Horse Sheds are Built.

The eighteenth priest who was appointed pastor of Clayton was Rev. J. J. Sherry, who came here from Malone for the second time in June 1877. Shortly after his arrival, he held a meeting of the whole congregation to discuss the matter of building a new church. He made a strong appeal to the catholics of Clayton to work together and raise money among themselves. In compliance with these exhortations, the people had several suppers and festivals and in this way started a building fund. Later on, in 1881 and 1882, they took up a few subscriptions, had five socials and with the money thus raised, started a window fund. The object of this fund was to replace the windows of old St. Mary's church.

Father Sherry made an attempt to pay the \$150.00 due J. J. Delaney, and held a social for this purpose; but some more pressing wants were satisfied and Mr. Delaney still remained unpaid.

Fr. Sherry lived in the old rectory for two years after

his return to Clayton, and then moved into Bill Ree's house, which he occupied over three years. Yet, shortly before he left Clayton, he moved back once more into the old parochial residence.

In 1882, a subscription was taken up to build horse sheds. It amounted to \$303.48 and the sheds were built at the cost of \$423.00.

As Fr. Sherry had also charge of Rosiere and Cape Vincent whilst at Clayton, he took for assistants Fathers Thomas Plunkett from Nov. 1878 to Nov. 1879, Michael O'Neill from July 1881 to Oct. 1882, and B. Caraher from April 1883 to July 1883. Besides these three priests, several other priests were called, at different times, from Watertown, to help Fr. Sherry, as their names are recorded in the Register of Baptisms. These were Rev. James Hogan, Tobias Glenn, John Talbot Smith, of St. Patrick's church of Watertown, and Rev. J. B. Chappel, M. S. C., B. Grom, M. S. C., of the French church, Watertown.

Father Sherry's second term was not as happy and successful as his first one, but he never ceased to be a favorite among the people. He had such winning ways and was so extraordinarily gifted, that his failings were but little noticed or found fault with. Father Sherry was corpulent, had a light complexion, was gentle, amiable, charitable and most hospitable. He did not know the worth of money and would give it away most freely. His house was always full of visitors and people in need were never turned away from his door without receiving

his bountiful charity. He was the most eloquent priest in the diocese of Ogdensburg in his day. Yet, he was a poor financier and somewhat careless about other matters. After leaving here in July 1883, Fr. Sherry went to Rosiere, where he stayed but a short time. He died at Burke in 1890.

Following are the names of those whom he baptized, married and buried under his second reign.

1877			Benoit, Joseph and Constantine		
BAPTISMS.			Marier		
	Date of Birth.	Date of Bapt.			
Bazinet, John Philip	June 13	June 13	Johnson, Joseph and Marg.		
Belanger, Letitia	" 20	" 20	Tiernan		Oct 7
Williams, Mary Hellen	July 15	" 15	DEATHS.		
Lepage, Mary Angelica	" 20	" 20		Date of Death	Date of Burial
Quesnel, Mary Josephine	Apr 27	Aug 5	Hughes, Pat J.	May 24	May 30
McKinley, Fk. Mick.	July 18	" 10	Caisse, Peter		
Fitzgerald, Martha	" 10	" 15	1878		
Langlois, Josephine	Sept 7	Sept 8	BAPTISMS.		
Lachance, Marie Zelie	July 5	" 9	Duford, Mary Antoinette	Jan 7	Jan 7
Langevin, Josephine	Sept 26	" 27	Beecher, Herbert Albert		
Gaulin, Cath.	Oct 2	Oct 11		Nov 10 '77	Feb 3
Hayes, Fk.	" 7	" 14	Charlebois, Jos. Wellington		
Daoust, Alexie Tite	Nov 9	Nov 11		Feb 13	Feb 14
Quesnel, Ahuina	" 26	Dec 4	Lalonde, Victoria	" 12	" 15
McKinley, Eugene Pat	" 14	" 19	Rhodrigue, Sophia	" 17	" 18
Kanelly, Ida Joanna	Dec 23 '76	Jan '77	Laporte, Lilie Anna	Jan 24	" 24
MARRIAGES.			Emond, Delia Marie	Mch 2	Mch 5
			Date Benoit, Alfred	" 5	" 7
Lalonde, Geo. and Amelie Duval	June 23	June 23	Bissonnette, Victoria	" 4	" 10
McCarthy, Thos. and Cath.			Daniel, Sophia	" 5	" 12
McCarthy	" 26	" 26	Bertrand, Peter	Apr 4 '77	" 18
Fitzgerald, Maurice and Rosa			Bonami, Celina,	Mch 20	" 24
McKinley	Nov 1	Nov 1	Benoit, Antoine	" 24	" 25
Carpenter, Duane and Helen			Ponquet, Joseph	" 24	" 25
Delaney	" 4	" 4	Delaney, Helen	" 12	Apr 14
Emond, Leander and Mary			Flynn, Jerome Emmet		" 14
Leroux	" 12	" 12	Langlois, Odile Josephine		" 21

Johnson, Emma	Feb 26	June 2	MARRIAGES.	
Branchaud, Mary	May 5	" 2	Grenier, Francis X. and Rosa	
Cholette, Louise	June 13	" 16	Lalonde	Nov 24
Mercier, Geo. Wilfred	Apr 21	" 20	Fitzgerald, Jn D and Eliz.	
Belanger, Hellen Melinda			Bates	Dec 25
	July 2	July 14	Desrosiers, Alex and Adelaide	
Emond, Mary Celina	" 10	" 14	Myers	" 25
DeLauey, Mary Josephine			—	
	May 6	" 14		
Fitzgerald, Mich Henry	June 3	" 28	1880	
Fitzgerald, Miron Eugene			BAPTISMS.	

	May 12	Aug 10	Rhodrigue, Adda	Feb 6	Feb 10
Pilon, Helen	June 1	" 11	Quesnel, Amelie	" 16	Mch 1
Laughlin, Clarence Ed.	July 12	" 11	Daniel, Evelyn	Mch 13	" 21
Lonctot, J. B.	" 2	" 15	Howarth, Sophia	Jan 13	" 21
Emond, Jos. Leander	Sept 2	Sept 3	Ducas, Benj.	Feb 1	Apr 16
Mongeau, Marie Sophie	July 5	" 21	Mallette, Jos. Ed.	Apr 22	May 12
Longevin, Marg.	Sept 14	" 22	Benoit, Joseph	May 29	June 10
Charpentier, Adele	July 10	July 10	Charron, Mary Agnes	June 27	" 30
Thibault, Harriette	Sept 16	Sept 16	Lepage, Marie Louise	May 3	May 3
Hamel, Lillie Mary	Oct 7	Oct 20	Barchard, Atthanase	" 21	June 27
Bouchard, Georgiana	Aug 24	Aug 24	Benoit, Joseph	" 29	July 9
Benoit, Eliz.	Oct 10	Nov 1	Lalonde, Alfred	July 5	" 11
Thibault, Cornelius Ed	Nov 13	" 17	Thibault, James Thos	" 10	" 25
			Belanger, Wm.	" 24	Aug 22
			Lepage, Nap.	Sept 4	Oct 10
			Johnson, Joseph	Oct 2	" 12
			Lalonde, Clara	" 27	Nov 1
			Thibault, Rachel Jos.	" 27	" 7
			Cholette, Clarence Nap	Sept 29	" 9
			Lanthier, Milford	" 9	Dec 5
			Hamel, Fred D.	Nov 30	Nov 30
			Laughlin, Loretta Ann	" 11	Dec 5

MARRIAGES.

Laviolette, J. B. and Bertha	
Bertrand	
Ryan, Hugo and Alice Gillick	
McCormick, Philips and Kate	
Gooley	

1879

BAPTISMS.

Lalonde, Malvina	Apr 8	Apr 20	MARRIAGES.	
Hayes, Mary Cetta	" 3	" 19		
Delaney, Thos. Casimir	Mch 30	" 20	Stay, Joseph and Mary	
Bazinot, Fk Isidore	" 31	Mch 31	Shollete	Mch 29
Emond, Joseph	Dec 16	Dec 21	Brabant, Joseph and Josephine	
Ponquet, Marie	" 13	" 13	Charron	Apr 11
Hayes, Mary Ettella	Feb 3	Feb 29	Laughlin, Andrew E. and Eliz	
Lepage, Lucey Josephine	Mch 13	Mch 15	M. Delaney	Feb 1
Leroux, Dominique	Dec 27	Dec 30	Barney, Wm and Alice Mc-	
Langlois, Evangeline	" 23	" 27	Cormick	Nov 15

By Fr J. Hogan of Watertown.
Connelly, Geo Pat June 16 Aug 22

1881

BAPTISMS.

Delaney, Bertha Helen	Jan 1	Jan 2
Fitzgerald, Sarah Eliz.	Dec 31 '80	" 21
Charpentier, Cath	Dec 31 '80	" 9
Stay, Arthur Louis	Jan 30	" 31
Mercier, Hellen Mary	Feb 3	Mch 6
Ganthier, Amelie	" 22	Feb 27
Bissonnette, Augustin Theodore	Jan 21	" 27
Corpeuts, Hellen	Mch 10	Mch 25
Thompson, Jeremiah	Jan 8	Jan 10
Leroux, Mary Sophia	Feb 25	Mch 13
Quesnel, Cecile	Dec 30 '80	" 13
Brabant, Amos	May 10	May 15
Johnson, Alice Mary	Aug 7	Aug 22
Bonami, Fk. X.	Sept 6	Dec 25
Quesnel, Anna	Aug 1	" 25
Emond, Jos. Aug.	" 19	" 25
Pilon, Ray. Henry	" 25	Oct 16
By Fr. J. Glenn of Watertown.		
Pilon, Claud Eugene	Apr 12	June 12

MARRIAGES.

Longtin, Joseph and Emma Emond	Jan 1
Purcell, Thomas and Eliza Collin	" 1

1882

BAPTISMS.

Barrett, Cornin P.	July 28	Aug 20
Langevin, Joseph Milot	Sept 20	Sept 21
Foley, Marg. Anna		Feb 7
1883		
Hamel, Charles Wm.	Mch 6	Mch 14
Thibault, Geo. Oscar	June 27	July 1
Marshal, Chas.	June 27 '86	Mch 25
Riley, Aletha Mennette	Apr 8	May 28
By Rev. B. Grom, M.S.H. of Watertown.		
Purcell, Thomas	Dec 8 '82	Jan 7
Brabant, Hellen	Feb 7	Feb 18
By Rev. Jn. Talbot Smith of Watertown.		
Belanger, Aldin Wm.	Feb 24 '82	Mch 4

Father Thomas Plunket, curate for one year under Father Sherry, was of ordinary size, had a dark complexion, was pleasant, talkative, a constant adviser, a ready worker, but somewhat irascible. He was not endowed with the gift of eloquence, but was a fair singer. Yet, he was well liked by the people as he did considerable work to ameliorate the condition of things in his time. He is now chaplain of the city hospital, Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Following are those he baptized, married and buried :

1878				Kepler, Geo. Benj.	May 23	June 8
BAPTISMS.				Barton, Emma Julia	" 27	" 6
Quesnel, Hellen				Duford, Anna Loretta	" 10	" 6
Nov 29				Lachance, Joseph	July 1	July 10
Larpentigny, Matilda				Pilon, Francis Celia	June 12 '77	" 13
Arcuand, Mary Eliz.				Letarte, Fred	" 16	" 18
" 21				Perrault, Georgianna	" 2	Aug 10
MARRIAGES.				Coselman, Gertrude		
Sales, Esra and Mary Bailey				Eliz.	July 22	" 15
Nov 28				Sholette, Jn. Edwin	Aug 8	" 31
1879				Lepage, Henry	Sept 23	Sept 23
BAPTISMS.				Bissonnette, Wm.	July 3	" 28
Langlois, Louis				Doyle, Cath. Eliz.	Sept 16	" 28
Dec 4 '78				Aubertin, Julie Isabel	June 13	" 28
Charpentier, Fk Aug.				Langlois, Mary Sophia	Sept 29	Oct 3
Feb 5				Bretchnan, Francis Wm.	" 29	" 5
Howarth, Milo				Lyons, Raymond Clar-		
Jan 27				ence	Aug 24	" 12
Cinslow, Eliz.				Langlois, Louis	Nov 3	Nov 9
Thibault, Loretta				By Father J. Hogan.		
Mch 4				Denis, George Amo.	Nov 10	Nov 10
Stumps, Eliz. Mary				Daoust, Charles Rueben		
Dec 28 '78				Archibal	Sept 23	Oct 5
Valley, Peter Edward						
Mch 9 '78						
Carpentier, John Wm.						
Mch 9						
Gagnon, Emilie						
Feb 26 '78						
Picard, Cath. Louise						
Oct 3, '78						
Belanger, Mary						
Apr 9						
McCormick, Mary Alice						
" 10						
Foley, Geo. Henry						
Feb 3						
Gauthier, Mary Eliz.						
May 18						
Turgeon, Wm.						
" 18						
McKinley, John Henry						
" 5						
Johnson, Joseph Alex.						
Oct 4 '74						
Marshal, David Lorenzo						
Feb 26						

Rev. Father Michael O'Neill, curate for fifteen months under Fr. Sherry, was of medium size, had a very dark complexion, was plain featured, but he was kind, reserved, well read and a thoroughly good priest in every particular. Like Father Plunkett, he did all he could for the Clayton people, whilst he was here, and succeeded in bridging over a great many chasms which would have been fatal to faith and morals. The Clayton peo-



REV. MICHAEL O'NEIL
ASSISTANT AT CLAYTON FROM JUNE 1881 TO AUGUST 1882.

ple will always feel grateful to both Fathers Plunkett and O'Neill and they will for ever keep a hallowed memory of their apostolic work here. Father O'Neill died at Rossie, Dec. 3, 1899.

Following are the baptisms, marriages and funerals performed by Fr. M. O'Neill:

1881		Stumps, Margarite		Mch 3	Mch 3
BAPTISMS.		Toole, Mary Eliz.		Dec 25 '81	Jan 8
Lachance, Louise	June 19	July 22	Lepage, Edward	July 24	July 30
Myers, Charles	July 16 '73	Aug 9	Charpentier, Peter Simon	June 15	" 16
Myers, Edward	Oct 9 '75	" 9	Emond, Mary Josephine	Aug 4	Aug 6
Lawson, Thomas	July 20	" 12	Fischer, Alphee	" 25	Sept 2
Desrosiers, Jos. Wm.	Apr 3	" 14	Marshal, Eva Mary	Sept 16	Oct 1
Parker, Leo	Sept 13	Sept 20	Delaney, Alice	Aug 7	" 1
Quesnel, John	" 16	" 22	By Rev Chappel, M.S.C. of Water-		
Longtin, Nelson Nap.	Nov 15	Nov 20	town		
Thibault, Paul Bernard	" 6	" 20	Quesnel, Anna Lyda	Oct 4	Dec 17
Denis, Matilda Theresa	" 20	" 25			
Leroux, Dominic Jos.	" 6	" 27	MARRIAGES.		
Bourcey, Leonard Lins	Aug 10	" 28	Charpentier, Charles and Jose-		
Fitzgerald, Fk. Daniel	" 20	Aug 22	phine Thibault		Jan 1
Mason, Joseph Lawrence	" 10	" 28	Thibault, Geo. and Philomine		
1882			Duford		May 12
Blum, Julie Marie	Sept 6	Sept 16	Murphy, John and Bridget		
Aubertin, Cornelia Eliz	Feb 6	Feb 20	Ann Maher		Nov 7

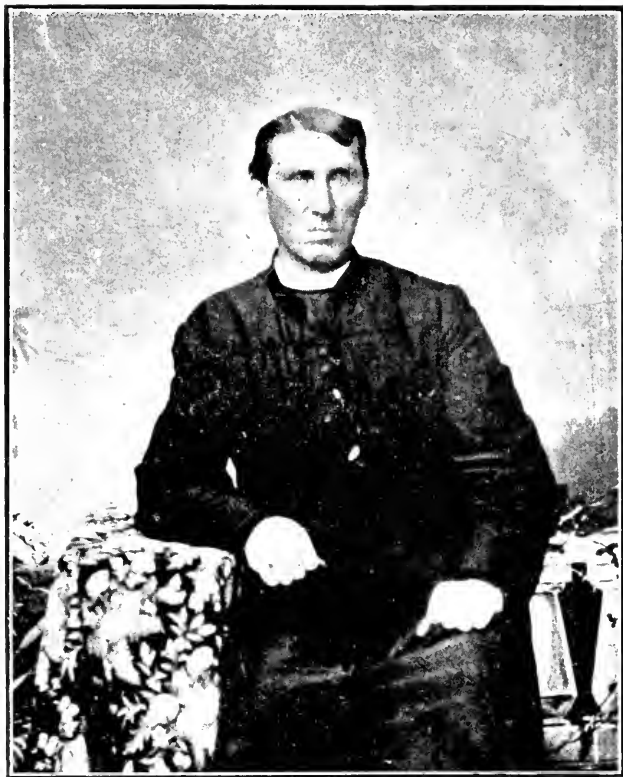
Father B. Caraher was assistant under Father Sherry from April to July 1883. He was tall, thin, and had a stern expression. He was witty and very interesting in conversation. His stay here was so short that only a few people got acquainted with him, but these thought well of him. He died in Watertown, Nov. 23, 1893.

Following are those he baptized:

1883

BAPTISMS.

			Duford, Stella Beatrix	May 12	June 7
			Timman, Clydum	Feb 28	" 24
			Bloom, Anna Louise	May 2	July 1
McKinley, Mary Rose	Feb 14	Apr 29	Cummings, Joseph Loyd	Dec 21 '82	" 1
Gausier, Clara	" 16	May 6	Derien, Jane	Oct 25 '82	" 1
Rabholdz, Tumnum	Nov 2 '82	" 6	Dunlap, Stella Mary		" 2
Desrosiers, Mary Cath	May 15 '82	" 11	Ponte, Marg.	July 2	" 8
McCormick, Fk Leo	Feb 9	" 13	Cole, Gertrude	Sept 18	" 9
Minor, Paul	May 7	" 26	Leroy, James	Nov 6	" 9
Langevin, Addie Sophia	Feb 3	" 26	Mentry, Marg	June 13 '82	May 15



REV. B. CARRAHER
ASSISTANT AT CLAYTON FROM APRIL, 1883 TO JULY 1883.

CHAPTER XIII.

Rev. Fathers James Smith and Charles L. McMorrow.

The nineteenth priest who was appointed pastor of Clayton was Rev. James Smith. He came here from Brasher Falls in July 1883, and stayed in this place only five or six weeks. He lived alone in the rectory and boarded outside. Father Smith was of low size, thin and unimpressive looking. He was fond of reading but was not a good speaker. His short pastorate here does not form one of the bright pages in the history of St. Mary's parish. From here he went to Watertown, then to Colorado, where he died in February 1891.

The only record of Fr. J. Smith, is a burial: Mrs. Capt. Halpin, Aug. 12, 1883.

Then came Rev. Charles L. McMorrow in Aug. 1883. As he was not sent here to stay, but to fill up an interregnum, he remained here only a few days, and during that time, he collected quite a few baptismal records that had been written merely on slips of paper and he carefully entered all he found in the Register of Baptisms. Whilst here, Fr. McMarrow baptized the two following children:

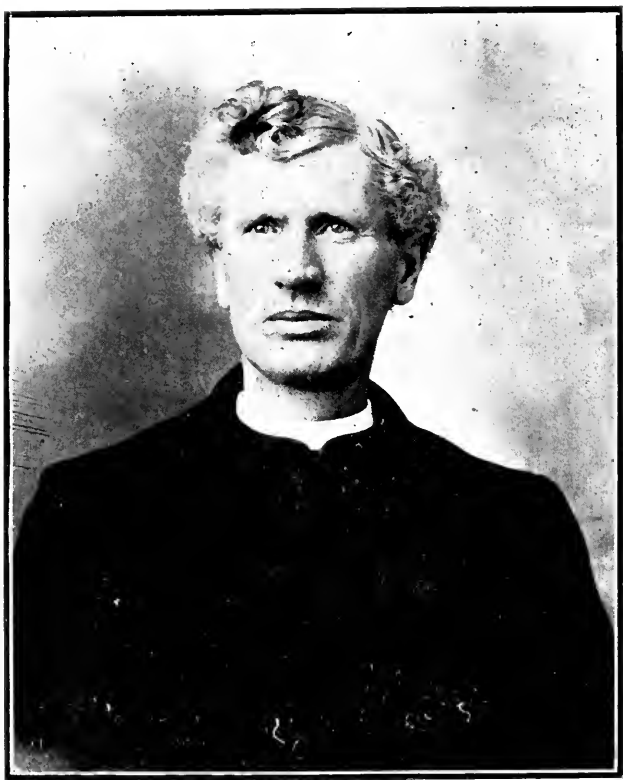
Goulet, Eveline born Aug. 9, baptized Aug. 26, 1883.

Murphy, John Francis born Aug. 15, baptized Aug. 26, 1883.

CHAPTER XIV.

Rev. E. G. Brice.—The Rectory is Repaired.—A Kitchen, a Barn and New Horse Sheds Are Built.—St. Mary's New Church is Constructed Amidst Numberless Difficulties.—Ceremonies of the Laying of the Corner Stone, of the Dedication and of the Blessing of the New Bell.

The twentieth pastor of Clayton was the Rev. E. G. Brice. He came in September 1883 with all the vigor and buoyancy of youth and found an old house, a bare old church, a dilapidated church property and a down hearted and demoralized people. Though inexperienced, he was full of good will and ready for any undertaking that might benefit the Clayton people. He was pleasant, jovial, had a kind word for everybody, and, in a short time, endeared himself to the people. Upon his arrival, he caused the rectory to be painted and papered inside and bought new furniture for the whole house. Whilst the repairs were being made, he boarded at Mr. Joseph Thibault's, Sr. When the house was ready for occupancy Fr. Brice took up his abode in it, engaging as housekeeper, Honorah Delaney. This remarkable housekeeper deserves special mention in this history. She was housekeeper for the first pastor of St. Mary's



REV. CHARLES L. MCMARROW
ATTENDED CLAYTON IN AUGUST 1883.

church in 1852 and served in some capacity or other almost every priest that attended Clayton with the exception of the present pastor. A better proof of her efficiency, honesty and fidelity cannot be given than these many years employed in the service of God's priests. At this writing, she is enfeebled by old age, being now 78 years old, but still enjoys fairly good health and bids fair to live several years longer.

Father Brice came here with the special command from his bishop, Rt. Rev. F. P. Wadhams, to build a new church. He made this desire of the prelate known to the Clayton people on the first Sunday he ministered here; and on the second Sunday, he called a meeting of the congregation in the old catholic schoolhouse, which stood on the north side of the present church, to decide what kind of church should be erected in this village. As is the case in all such important matters, there were differences of opinions. Some wanted merely to repair the old church, others to build another frame church, some favored a brick church, and others a stone one. As Fr. Brice was born in New York city he had lofty ideas about church buildings. Besides, he was particularly well impressed by this locality and its romantic surroundings. He soon learned that a nice class of people came here every summer, from all parts of America, and consequently, a grand church here would be the proper thing. So at that famous meeting, it was easily understood that Fr. Brice was heart and soul for a stone church. Nevertheless, the reasons, pro and con, were

given and a vote taken, and the great majority decided in favor of a stone church. Here Fr. Brice met with his first opposition which was only the first in a long series of others. Some rose and said: "If a stone church is built we will never give anything towards it." A few of these people kept their word, and let it be said to their shame, they never gave a cent nor even attended a "Bee."

When Father Brice took charge of this parish, he found

A Building fund of	\$190.20
A Bell fund of	301.18
A Window fund of	235.35
A Shed fund of	73.54
A Cemetery fund of	40.00

Total, \$830.27

He at once set to work to organize a fair for Dec. 1883, which netted \$1178.39 and this amount (less \$135.19 which was used to pay for repairs on the house and other expenses,) was added to the above funds.

During the winter of 1884, Father Brice commissioned Ignatius D. Flynn of Cape Vincent, to draw plans for the contemplated church. These I. D. Flynn made and he exhibited them at the request of Fr. Brice before a meeting of the congregation. When asked how much such a church would cost, he answered, \$20,000.00. This amount was considered by the majority to be beyond the means of the congregation and they asked the architect to devise new plans which would not exceed



REV. E. G. IRICE
PASTOR AT CLAYTON FROM SEPTEMBER 1883 TO MARCH 1895

\$15,000.00, and to show them at a second meeting. This was agreed upon, and when the meeting took place, a few weeks later, the people present, accepted the new plans, after which our present new church was built.

In the spring of 1884, a kitchen costing \$218.51 was added to the rectory and a barn which cost \$306.81 was built. As the sheds built by Fr. Sherry in 1882 were blown down during the winter of 1884, Fr. Brice made an appeal to the farmers to rebuild them. Only a few responded and they built our present sheds at their own expense.

Although a great convenience, not to say a necessity, the building of the kitchen and the barn was an unfortunate occurrence for Fr. Brice. Many considered this an extravagance, others a proof of his inability to build a new church; a third class found fault because a part of the accumulated funds had been used for purposes different from those for which they had been intended. These funds had had their humble beginning as far back as Fr. De Saunhac's time, and people had been accustomed to look upon them, as sacred, and not to be interfered with, except to add to them. This explains how, when part of these funds was used to build a kitchen and a barn there was a cry of indignation on the part of several parishoners. To pacify these malcontents, Fr. Brice took up a subscription to refund the money taken from the above mentioned funds, but only the following consented to sign this subscription: Geo.

E. Thibault \$10.00; Maurice Fitzgerald, \$10.00; C. Downes, \$5.00; Capt. O'Toole, \$5.00; John Foley, \$5.00; H. Hamel, \$2.00; Eli Charlebois, \$2.00; James Delaney, \$1.00; Fred Duford, \$1.00. Total \$41.00.

Notwithstanding this little reverse, Fr. Brice did not allow himself to be discouraged, and he took up a subscription for the new church in May 1884 which amounted to \$4,375.00. This is the original subscription. It was drawn in the form of a note and subscribed by the following:

Duford, Joseph Sr.	\$1,000.00
Halpin, Capt.	1,000.00
Delaney, J. J. Sr.	900.00
Fitzgerald, Wm. and Mich.	
E. L. R.	600.00
Thibault, Geo. E. V.	125.00
Fitzgerald, John E.	250.00
Foley, John	250.00
McKinley, Geo. H.	150.00
Fitzgerrald, Barrington	100.00
Farrel Charles	50.00

All this money was paid in Fr. Brice's time, excepting \$485.00. Since that time I have received from Dan, Barney, Will and Eugene Farrell, \$35.00 in full payment of their fathers' subscription, Charles Farrel, and \$260.00 from John and Will Delaney from their fathers' estate in account of his subscription.

This subscription, although signed by only ten men, was very gratifying to Fr. Brice, and with a few hun-

dred dollars more raised by means of an excursion, a few festivals, a fair and a donation of \$50.00 from C. G. Emery, \$25.00 from Mr. Seeber, and of \$10.00 from A. F. Barker, he thought he had sufficient money to justify the starting of the new church. Therefore, early in the fall of 1884 ground was broken for the building and quarrying and drawing stones begun. This work was continued all through the winters of 1884 and 1885. Most of the stone was donated by Joseph Charlebois and was quarried and drawn by "Bees." The sand was donated by Marg. Johnson and likewise drawn by "Bees." By the spring of 1885, there were enough stones drawn on the premises to start the mason work. The contract for the stone work of the basement was given to John F. McDonald for \$400.00 with an additional cost of 40 cents per foot for cutting the water tables. The work on the foundation walls progressed so rapidly that by Aug. 5th, it was possible to lay and bless the corner stone. This was made the occasion of a grand celebration. Rt. Rev. Bishop E. P. Wadhams of Ogdensburg, N. Y., blessed the corner stone and Rev. Peter J. H. Ryan now pastor of Cadyville, N. Y., preached the sermon. There were several priests present and a large concourse of people. \$357.00 were contributed for the church on that day.

As winter was not far off, the work on the church was suspended, but the quarrying and drawing of stones were continued through the fall of 1885 and the winter of 1886. At the same time, Fr. Brice continued to

raise money for the church. He had several festivals, sold the old cemetery to Guilbert Parish for \$400.00, and took up the following subscriptions:

O'Brien, Dan	\$80.00	Charpentier, Nelson	.25
Pine, Mary	6.00	Charpentier, Zoe	.25
Flynn, Mrs. J. B.	1.25	Lepage, John	11.00
Halpin, Baby	1.00	Lepage, Mrs. John	.25
Foley, Fred	.25	Lalonde, Xavier	.50
Vigneron, Louise	6.00	Daniel, James	5.25
Fitzgerald, Joseph	2.00	Leroux, Mrs.	.25
Kennally, Mary	2.00	Langevin, Mrs. Milo	.25
Thibault, Mrs. Ben	2.00	Lachance, Joseph	.25
Charpentier, Mrs. Ben	.25	Langlois, Caroline	.25
Charpentier, Mrs. Sam	1.00	Dal, Alex	.50
McDonell, Michael	.30	Belleville, Charles	5.00
Purcell, Catharine	1.00	Yotte, Alex	.50
Brabant, Mrs. Jos. H.	.50	Lachance, Oliver	2.00
Belanger, Mrs. Agatha	.25	Charlebois, Eli	1.00
Mercier, Fril	6.00	Greau, Mr.	5.00
Stapleton, Bridget	7.00	Greau, Mrs.	2.00
Laporte, Mrs. Mich	.25	Greau, Miss	1.00
Denis, Sam Sr.	2.00	Sureau, Charles	5.00
Laguerre, Stephen	5.00	Pilon, Stephen	5.00
Lalonde, George Sr.	8.00	O'Toole, Capt	10.00
Moineau, Edward	1.00	Dowdall, Mrs. T.	6.00
Goulet, Albert	9.00	Kearns, Mrs.	10.00
Monieau, John	1.00	McCaun, Anna	5.00
Monieau, Mrs. John	.25	Menard, Alex	5.00
Monieau, Virginia	.25	Fitzgerald, Bros	10.00
Lalonde, John	.50	McKinley, Arthur	10.00
Letarte, Michael	16.00	Hamel, Hugh	40.00
Letarte, Catherine	.25	Williams, John	5.00
Brabant, Leander	3.00	Bertrand, Oliver	5.00
Larpentigny, Frank	7.00	Thibault, Ben	20.00
Lanthier, Ozee	15.00	" Hellen,	2.25
Denis, Edward	11.00	" Paul	1.00
Bertrand, Napoleon	10.00	" Loretta	1.00
Collin, Mrs.	1.00	" Philomena	1.00
Laughlin, Wm	10.00	" Sophia	1.00
Foley, Wm. Sr.	1.00	Langevin, Mrs. M	.50
Fitzgerald, Maurice	125.00	Pilon, Edward	5.00
Purcell, Mrs. Thos	.25	Lepage, Joseph	.15
Roussel, Joseph	1.00	Ken-ella, A	2.00
Churco, Joseph	21.00	Fitzgerald, Peter	10.00
Laguerre, Joseph	1.00	Emond, Leander	5.00

Emond, Mrs. Leander	5.00	Laguerre, Nellie	57.00
Fowdall, Thomas	100.00	Kaneally, John	20.00
Thibault, Joseph Sr.	300.00	Jegoux, Frank	5.00
Delaney, Patrick (Duferno)	20.00	Penis, Leander Sr.	50.00
Charlebois, Joseph	75.00	Hyde, Wm.	10.00
Laughlin, James Jr.	10.00	Boyle, Terence	5.00
Wheelock, Mrs. Mary	9.00	McGowan, Mrs.	5.00
Feney, Joseph	5.00	Vincent, Mrs. Mary	2.00
Dailey, Mrs. E.	5.00	McKinley, Maurice	5.00
Laughlin, Andrew	30.00	Bazinett, Minnie	2.00
Laughlin, James (Cow)	75.00	Fitzpatrick, Joseph	5.00
Charpentier, Ben	2.00	Barker, Frank	10.00
Bazinett, John	7.00	Sharron, Joseph	5.00
Kelley, Ambrose	5.00	Doe, Alex.	10.00
Flynn, Mrs. J. D.	1.25	Lepage, Edward	5.00
Lepage, David	.50	Sawyers, Benj.	5.00
Denis, Sam Jr.	.25	Charpentier, Zeg.	13.00
Denis, Mrs. Sam Sr.	1.00	Shoughnessy, James	5.00
Denis, Lillie	.25	Brennan, Patrick	5.00
Potter, Mr.	10.00	Rindsall, P.	5.00
Komolly, Kate	1.00	Gillette Mrs. Sarah	5.00
Kelley, Mrs.	.50	Delaney Eugene	10.00
Turgeon, Mrs. Mary	.50	Hubbard, J. T.	50.00
Longtin, Joseph	5.00	Emond, Napoleon	5.00
Belanger, Mrs. Sarah	.40	Kelsey, George	15.00
Lefebvre, Fred	5.00	Maher, Edward	25.00
Lalonde, Geo. Jr.	1.00	Morrison, J.	10.00
Brabant, Addie	.25	Lefebvre, Moses	1.75
Laguerre, Georgiana	1.00	Cantwell, P. B.	50.00
Farrel, Eugene	1.00	Thibault, Anthony	50.00
Fitzgerald, Maurice Jr.	70.00	Charlebois, Tennie	2.00
Delaney, James	50.00	Bertrand, John	5.00
Dwyer, James	40.00	Thibault, Bruno	5.00
Delaney, Mrs. Wm	20.00	Brice, Rev. E. G.	100.00
Charlebois, Eli Sr.	25.00	Bazinett, Mrs. John	2.00
Delaney, M.	5.00	Myers, Mrs. E.	1.00
Collins, Bessie	3.00	Fitzgerald, Patrick	5.00
C. G. Emery's hired girls	20.00	Mills, Kittie	5.00
Brabant, Joseph	5.00	Potter, Augustus	5.00
Hayes, John	100.00	Marshall, Charles	50.00
Launthier, Mrs.	5.00	Lalond, Z.	5.00
Lawler, Mrs.	30.00	Lalonde, Amos	4.50
Barker, Frank	25.00	De rosiers, Alex	5.00
Angell, W.	10.00	Emond, Louis	5.00
Laughlin, James Sr.	110.00	Madigan, Thomas	5.00
Fitzgerald, Patrick	10.00	Denis, Leander Jr.	10.00
Foley, Mrs. John	100.00	Gauthier, Moses	5.00
		Roy, Robert	2.00
		Farrell, Dan	10.00
		Charlebois, Mrs. A.	.50
		Flynn, J. B.	30.00

The work on the church was resumed in May, 1886, under the supervision of I. D. Flynn, but no contract was given out, and all the men including I. D. Flynn worked by the day. There seemed to be then but one desire of priest and of the majority of the people, to push the work ahead and have the church enclosed before another winter would set in. As this necessitated more money than was on hand, a loan became urgent. Therefore, Father Brice borrowed \$2,100 from the First National Bank of Clayton, and \$1,500 from William Whaley of Lafargeville. The church was enclosed late in the fall and a fair was held in it March 6, 1887, the largest Father Brice ever had, and it netted \$1,315.98. After paying out this money, the debt remaining on the church March 20, 1887, was \$2,700. As the people were unwilling, at that particular time, to incur a greater indebtedness, Father Brice decided to suspend the work on the church until more money could be raised. He therefore set to work again, had several picnics, excursions, suppers, a fair, and sold for \$25 one hundred chairs which he had received from C. G. Emery. But on account of insurance, interest and other current expenses, the debt was reduced but very little, and so Father Brice thought that the wisest course to follow was to borrow more money and to mortgage the church. Here, Father Brice met with great opposition. Although, many agreed with him, that it was best to borrow money in order to finish the church, yet the majority of the people was opposed to placing a mortgage on the property.

Thus they did all in their power to put obstacles in the way of the project. Notwithstanding this opposition, \$5,000 was borrowed March 18, 1889, and as this amount did not suffice, later on, another loan of \$7,000 were placed on the church. Father Brice had great difficulty in finding the requisit number of bondsmen, but after much hard work and much solicitation he succeeded in getting the following: John E. Fitzgerald, Leander Denis Sr., Jerome B. Flynn, Charles Farrell, John W. Hayes, George H. McKinley, Pat B. Cantwell, John Foley, N. B. Bertrand, Jos. H. Brabant, Oliver Lachance, Edward Denis Sr., Michael Fitzgerald, Wm. Fitzgerald, Edward Maher. These men deserve much credit and praise and they should forever be considered as benefactors of the church, for they made it possible for Father Brice to finish the church, which has proven to be the wisest course he could have followed. In connection with this mortgage, I must state that St. Mary's congregation owes a debt of gratitude to A. F. Barker, president of the First National bank of Clayton, who succeeded in getting the state legislature to authorize the corporation of St. Mary's church to mortgage their church to the amount of \$12,000. Without Mr. Barker or some one else to do this the trustees could never have mortgaged the church, and it would probably still be in an incomplete state.

The work on the church was resumed in earnest in the spring of 1889; but at that time, neither pastor nor people contemplated finishing the building. The tower

was to be left unfinished; there was no question of frescousing the church at the time; there was no mention of marble altars. Yet, as the work progressed, one thing suggested another. Pat B. Cantwell donated all the long sticks of timber required for scaffolding. Wm. and Michael Fitzgerald, E. L. R., donated all the fine sand needed for plastering and pointing the church. Leander Denis Sr., suggested that, if the tower were completed, he would sign a contract to furnish and cut all the stones necessary for completion, for \$400. This was considered very cheap and a great bargain and was accordingly accepted. William Grant agreed, by contract, to finish the mason work on the tower, to build all the church steps, to point, pencil and paint the outside walls of the church, to lath and plaster the inside for \$1,650. The contract for all the wood work and the pews was given to the Clayton Furniture M'fg. Co. for \$1,474.27, the contract for crosses and cresting was taken by J. C. Wilson for \$330. Whilst the scaffolding was up, Moses Lefebvre and others suggested that the frescousing could never again be done as cheaply as at that time, and so it was decided then and there to have the church frescoed at once, and the contract was let to A. Ertle of New York city for \$2,600.

Then the pastor made his own suggestion, which was, to get Marble altars at once. This proposition met with favor. Mr. Joseph Thibault and his family George, John, Anthony, Joseph Jr. and Henry Dubois donated the Blessed Virgins' altar, which cost \$250. The con-

gregation gave St. Joseph's altar \$250 and the following the main altar \$600: Joseph Brabant, Albert Goulet Sr., John Williams, Charles Hesler, Channcey Gilchrist, Mrs. Albert Goulet, Leander Denis Sr., Mrs. Charles Farrell, Nelson Charpentier, Ellen Gilchrist, John Bertrand, Thomas O. Flynn, Geo. H. McKinley, Patrick McKinley, C. Obernall, Mrs. B. Charpentier, Frederick Duford, Mrs. Mary Delaney, Arthur McKinley, Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald and wife, J. T. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Charlebois, Mr. and Mrs. Loughlin, P. B. Cantwell, Mrs. Kate Delaney, Joseph Duford, Michael Fitzgerald, Theophilus Fitzgerald, J. B. Flynn, R. C. Churchill, L. Lawler, Mrs. Joseph Duford Sr., Thomas Ryan, C. Downes, John Hayes, Sr., John Foley, Mrs. John Bertrand, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Belleville, John Kanaley, Frank Loughlin, Oliver Bertrand, Dan O'Brien, N. B. Bertrand, Mrs. Channcey Gilchrist. Thus it was, that by following suggestions from one and another, both pastor and trustees were gradually led into contracting a very heavy debt which disheartened the congregation, terrorized a few bondsmen and brought on deplorable troubles and contentions. The recent loan of \$1,200 from the Jefferson Co. Savings bank and the previous one of \$1,500 from William Whaley of Lafargeville did not suffice to meet expenditures; so a third loan became necessary, and \$2,767.60 was borrowed from the First National bank of Clayton, and a note given in exchange. On this score four men deserve honorable mention, and these are Wm. and

Michael Fitzgerald, E. L. R., John E. Fitzgerald and John Foley. Not only did these men serve as bondsmen for the two mortgages, but they signed the Whaley note and all the bank notes which Father Brice was obliged to give when too closely pressed in order to secure money. God alone knows what a course of anxiety and trouble this loyal devotedness to God's priest and His church has been to them, especially, towards the last, when money was not forthcoming and these notes had to go to protest. I therefore state to the praise of the above mentioned gentlemen, that the congregation owes them a debt of gratitude for the present finished state of their church.

With this supply of money, a few socials, a lecture, two suppers, two excursions and several donations, Fr. Brice was enabled to push the work on the church towards completion. Moreover, great expenses were saved by "bees" and all that could be done by means of "bees" was done in this way. The floors were laid; the sand and other material were drawn, and the scaffolding was set up by "bees." Here, it will be well to mention that a great many people attended these "bees." Many whilst the church was building when they had a free day or a few hours to spare, would go and work on or about the church, and in this way did perhaps as much for it as those who subscribed large sums of money. Yet, I regret to state, that no record of the time they gave was kept, and I am unable to give them credit for their donations. Nevertheless, God saw their

good work and generosity, and will undoubtedly reward them some day. Among those who attended the "bees" there is one who did more than all the others in this line, and this is Mr. Joseph Thibault Sr. Besides a subscription of \$300 and a share in St. Mary's altar, he worked every day that other men worked, from the time the church was begun, until it was completed, without preference for any special kind of work, busying himself in digging the foundations, quarrying, loading and unloading stones or attending the masons and carpenters, and all this work he donated to the church. His name like that of Joseph Duford, Captain Halpin, J. J. Delaney should certainly be handed down to posterity as among the generous benefactors of St. Mary's church.

As nothing was left undone to hasten the work it soon became evident, that the church could be completed by the fall of 1889, and thus preparations were made for its dedication. The date of December 11, 1889, was selected, the people were notified, the bishop and many priests invited. The congregation still remember the grandeur of this festive occasion. Everything seemed to concur to make the celebration a grand success. There were over twenty priests, a large concourse of people from Clayton and the surrounding towns, the singing was good and the preaching masterly. Right Rev. E. P. Wadhams, bishop of Ogdensburg, blessed and dedicated the church, assisted by the following clergymen: E. J. Conroy, deceased, of Kingston, N.

Y., Jas. H. Conroy of Ogdensburg, James A. McKenna, deceased, of Constableville, J. E. Lyons of North Lawrence, Michael O'Neill of Rossie, former assistant at Clayton, now dead, John G. Fitzgerald, Madrid, leading singer among the priests, J. T. O'Brien of Waddington, deceased, B. Marion of Potsdam, Thomas P. Fitzgerald, of Keeseville, C. J. McMorrow of Fort Covington, now dead, M. F. Ambrose of Redwood, J. J. Byrne, Watertown, John H. O'Rourke, Port Henry, Peter J. Devlin, Chateaugay, C. Raymot, M. S. H., Watertown, J. P. Murphy, Cherubusco, U. Larose, Ogdensburg, D. Guibault, Keeseville, M. Brown, Hogansburg (former pastor at Clayton), T. F. Kelley, Rhinnscheck, N. Y., William S. Kelley, Rosiere, E. G. Brice, Clayton.

Rev. E. J. Conroy of Kingston, preached in the morning and Rev. J. H. Conroy of Ogdensburg in the evening. The collection amounted to \$306.00. Confirmation was administered in the evening to a class of 133. This great celebration was the crowning of many efforts, sacrifices and anxieties, but unfortunately, it was not the end but the beginning of greater troubles which culminated in the parting of pastor and people.

This festivity was like the bright, clear sky before the tempest; scarcely had the joyous echo of this ever memorable celebration died away when Father Brice had to face new troubles and greater anxieties. The church debt was then \$16,267.60. The bank notes became due every three months, the interest on the mortgages had to be paid every six months, and the people's

enthusiasm began to grow cold. Yet, for four years longer, Father Brice did not allow himself to be disheartened, but bravely faced the battle. He organized socials, excursions, suppers, contests, held a fair, took up a subscription for sanctuary, carpets and windows, but so considerable was the interest and so great were the expenses incurred furnishing the new church, that he was unable to reduce the debt during the year 1890. He was a little more successful in 1891, for in that year he paid on the principal \$367.60, and thus reduced the debt down to \$15,900. It was also in 1891 that the new iron fence for the cemetery was built, by means of subscriptions taken up by Eli Charlebois Sr. and Henry DuBois. This subscription amounted to \$314.80 and the fence cost \$309.80. The surplus of \$5 was deposited in the bank, and with the accumulated interest was used this year, 1902, to paint the fence anew.

In 1892, on July 25th, Father Brice sold to Will L. Delaney for \$100, the old frame church which was turned since into an opera house. He had an excursion, a few socials and the blessing of the new bell, at which \$271 were contributed. Notwithstanding these revenues, Father Brice had only enough to pay interest and a part of the current expenses, and so was unable to reduce the indebtedness. Yet in 1893 he made a strenuous effort to pay the Whaley note. He took up a subscription which amounted to only \$292.50 as the following were the only ones willing to subscribe:

Beach, Mrs.	\$ 2.00	Farrell, Bernard	\$ 5.00
Hayes, John W	25.00	Fitzgerald John E.	25.00
Cosselman, James	10.00	Fitzgerald, Barrington	10.00
Fitzgerald, M. J	15.00	Farrell, Dan	5.00
Walsh, Fred	5.00	Bertrand, Edward	5.00
Kelley, James	5.00	Charlebois, Joseph	5.00
Johnson, Mrs. Marg.	5.00	Fitzgerald, William (E. L. R.)	25.00
Fitzgerald, Maurice, (B. C.)	25.00	Fitzgerald, Michael (E. L. R.)	25.00
Fitzgerald, Michael (B. C.)	20.00	Foley, John	25.00
Fitzgerald, Theophilus (B. C.)	20.00	Lefebvre, Fred	5.00
Bazinet John B.	15.00	Longtin, Joseph Sr.	.50
Duford, Ralph	10.00		

A few dollars were added to this sum and thus \$300 were paid on the Whaley note. This was the last Father Brice paid on the principal. From now on, things went from bad to worse. In June, 1893, Father Brice rented and moved into Mrs. Lucey Thompson's house and leased the old rectory to Ed. McOmber. This move did not heal, but on the contrary, opened anew the already too tender and bleeding wounds, and it gave to some another opportunity to find fault. Father Brice, feeling that a large part of his congregation was not with him, began to loose some of his previous undoubted courage, and as the socials and other doings for the church became less numerous and less successful, the revenues of the church did not suffice to pay interest, insurance and current expenses and thus floating debts began to accumulate. Seeing no way out of his entanglement, and fearing that his days of usefulness in Clayton had come to an end and that a change would benefit him and St. Mary's parish, Father Brice, with the consent of the bishop, in the fall of 1894, arranged to make an exchange of parishes with Father Nolan of

Massena. But when this was to be consummated, Father Nolan changed his mind and thus Father Brice was obliged to wait for a vacancy. This came when Father Michael Burns was appointed pastor of the new parish of the Holy Family of Watertown. Father Brice then succeeded him at Brushton, where he still resides. Although, the last five years of Father Brice's pastorate at Clayton were tempestuous, yet, dark clouds were not always in the firmament. He had several bright and joyful days. There were staunch, bosom friends, both among protestants and catholics, who continually supported him through thick and thin, in all of his difficulties and he received many handsome donations that rejoiced his heart. The three windows in the sanctuary, the baptismal font, the sanctuary lamp, the tower bell, the Rose window and the two windows in the main entrance were all donated in his time.

The large window behind the altar is the gift of Maurice, Michael and Theophilus Fitzgerald (B. C.), in memory of their father and mother. It cost \$250 and represents the assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary. St. Michael's window which cost \$80 was donated by George H. McKinley in memory of his father and mother, I. and E. McKinley. The other half of this window, which stands near the Blessed Virgin's altar, and representing St. Cecilia, is the gift of Miss Frame of N. Y., in memory of her nephew W. H. Frame. The window near St. Joseph's altar and which represents St. John the Baptist and St. Margarite the Martyr

is the gift of James V. Donovan, of N. Y., in memory of his brother Silas J. Donovan. One of the vestibule windows was donated by J. B. Bazinet in memory of his father and mother P. and G. Bazinet. The other vestibule window was given by Mrs. Julia Johnson. The circular or Rose window in the front of the church, was donated by the Sunday school children and the tower and transom windows were given by the congregation. The sanctuary lamp was donated by Mrs. Deborah Dowdall in memory of herself and husband Thomas, and cost \$50. The baptismal font is the gift of Rev. Father Brice in memory of his father and mother.

But the greatest of these gifts, was the bell donated by Peter Fitzgerald Sr. It cost \$850 and was bought from Meneely & Co, of Troy, N. Y. The blessing of it on November 24, 1892 was made a day of great festivity. Rt. Rev. Bishop Gabriels of Ogdensburg, N. Y. performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Fathers, Tobias Glenn of Watertown, D. D. Driscoll of Canton, D. Marron of Potsdam, Michael O'Neill of Rossie, W. J. Kelley of Rosiere, B. Grom M. S. H. of Watertown, J. T. Moriarty O. S. A. of Carthage, M. T. Ambrose of Redwood, and Father Brice of Clayton. Rev. B. Marron of Potsdam preached in the morning and Rt. Rev. Bishop Gabriels in the evening.

Many were invited to be sponsors, but only the following accepted the invitation and were present at the blessing of the bell:

McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. George H.
Foley, Mr. and Mrs. John
Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. William
Delaney, James and Mother
Bazinet, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.
Bertrand, Mr. and Mrs. N. B.
Delaney, William and Mother
Laughlin, James and Mrs. John Williams

Lefebvre, Mr. and Mrs. Moses
Fitzgerald, Maurice and Mary Kennally
Duford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. P. K.
Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. John W.
Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. John E.
Kennally, Mr. and Mrs. John

The name of the bell is "Henry, Peter." The inscription on it is as follows:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, BENJ. J. HARRISON.

GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE, ROSWELL P. FLOWER.

REIGNING POPE, LEO XIII.

BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, RT. REV. H. GABRIELS.

PASTOR OF CHURCH, REV. E. G. BRICE.

TRUSTEES OF CHURCH, FRED LEFEBRE, FRED WALSH.

A. M. D. G.

ST. PETER.

DONOR OF BELL, PETER FITZGERALD.

THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1892.

WEIGHT OF BELL 3,000 POUNDS.

Father Brice has an olive complexion with brown eyes and sandy hair; he is short of stature and rather corpulent; he is pleasing and entertaining in conversation, and is fond of telling and hearing a good joke; he loves visiting and traveling and is very hospitable; he is skilled in liturgy, has good taste and dresses neatly. His pastorate at Clayton is the longest and most eventful yet recorded in the history of St. Mary's parish. He came here in September, 1883, and left in March,

1895, which makes an administration of eleven years, six and one half months.

The church which he built at the cost of about \$30,000, is a grand monument that will make him live in the minds of generations to come. May the parishioners of St. Mary's church never forget the gratitude which they owe Rev. Father Brice.

1883

BAPTISMS.

	Date of Birth.	Date of Bapt.
Gauthier, Moses Wm.	Aug 13	Sept 2
Picard, George	May 13	" 4
Marshal, Ellen	Sept 16	" 19
Vincent, Michael	Aug 24, '77	" 29
Contant, Richard Anthony	" 2, '82	Oct 4
Gillick, Geo. Oscar	Sept 5	Sept 30
Philips, Emma Mabel	" 12	Oct 7
Bazinet, Edith Stella	Oct 5	" 14
Jegoux, Anna Sophia	Sept 6	Sept 30
Brault, Frank	"	" 26
Lalonde, Fk. Xavier	Oct 16	" 28
Marshal, Chas. Jos.	Aug. 27	Nov 11
Quesnel, Wm. Benj.	Nov 11	" 11
Stay, Louise Angele	" 11	" 11
McKinley, Lena Eleonora	" 3	" 11
Hayes, Sarah Eva	" 2	" 14
Denis, Eliz. Valetta	Dec 10	Dec 13
Flynn, Marie Mabel	" 12	" 25
Lanthier, Fk. Henry	" 23	" 26
O'Toole, Ed. Wm.	" 17	" 26
Belanger, Cath.	Oct 20	" 27
Belanger, Fred	" 20	" 27
Collin, Geo. Oran	Nov 24	" 29
Kelley, Louis Mich	Jan 17	" 30

MARRIAGES.

	Date
Halpin, Mich and Cath Hickey	Sept 10
Wheeler, Jay and Mary Borden	" 16
Lalonde, Amos and Cath Letarte	Oct 1
Reff, Joseph and Mary Julie Bourcy	" 2

Quesnel, Jn and Mary Rhodrigue	Oct 24
Ragoux, H. and Helen Bertrand	Nov. 6
Lavigne, Fred and Hermin Bert- rand	" 6
Kelley, Mich. Hattie Dickenson	Dec 15

DEATHS.

	Date of Death	Date of Burial
Marshal, Ella	Sept 23	Sept 26
Simard, Mary	Nov 30	Dec 3
Pilon, Edna	Dec 8	" 11

1884

BAPTISMS.

Levesque, Judson	Jan 4	Jan 6
Denis, Albert Paul	" 1	" 6
Fitzgerald, Bernard	Sept 23 '83	" 23
Duford, Edward Victor	Jan 25	" 28
Sureau, Fred Geo.	" 13	Feb 10
Longtin, Mabel Gertrude	" 27	" 10
Charpentier, Benj. Frank- lin	" 29	" 10
Cholette, Cath. Emelie	Feb 13	" 17
DeLaney, Dan Ed.	" 4	" 24
Charlebois, Eletha Geo	" 19	" 24
Sheehan, Mich	" 28	Mich 2
Emond, Fk. August	" 20	" 2
Brabant, Eva Josephine	Mich 12	" 16
Quesnel, Joseph	Feb 7	Apr 7
Marshal Emma Mary	July 20 '40	" 13
Hawes, Emma Mary	Sept 1 '62	" 13
Leroux, Frank	Apr 18	" 20
Horvis, Mary Grace	Sept 27	" 23
Spring, Frank Clyde	Mich 12	" 27
Foley, Frank Ed	Apr 19	May 10

	June 9	July 12	DEATHS.	
Pennadis, Fk	Jan 10	Aug 2	Date of	Date of
Turcot, Eliz	" 18 '81	" 14	Death.	Burial.
Turcot, Sophia	Apr 2, '85	" 14	Delaney, John J	Apr Apr
Turcot, Harriette	" 26 '83	" 14	Sureau, Delia	" 19 " 21
Delaney, John			Picard, Cora	" 24 " 26
Emmet	June 13	" 16	Charpentier, Julia	" "
Duford, Aldin Eloyvius	Aug 25	" 30	Cholette, Napoleon	Sept 19 Sept 21
Bazinet, Bernard			Fitzgerald, Marg	" 26 " 29
Jacob	Sept 3	Sept 6	Farrell, Bridget	Dec 15 Dec 18
Duford, Eletha			Lalonde, Amos	
Gertrude	Aug 25	" 13		

1886

	June 1	" 17	BAPTISMS.	
Bass Mary	June 1	" 17		
Stay, Fk Ed	Sept 19	" 20		
Gillick, Mary Stella	" 1	" 27	Date of	Date of
Quesnel, Sophia	" 22	" 27	Birth	Bapt.
Lachance, Helen Vir-			McKinley, Joseph	Jan 22 Jan 24
ginia	" 28	Oct 11	O'Foole, Ann	" 12 " 26
Denis, Ralph Peter Roy	Oct 11	" 14	McCann, Mary Flo Ann	" " 26
Timmerman, Mary			Levesque, Mary Magd	" 27 " 27
Helen	May 23	" 25	Kelley, Susan Mary	Dec 4 '85 " 31
Duford, Rachael			Lepage, Mary Francis	Jan 27 " 31
Mary	Dec 5 '80	Nov 10	Duford, Clara Loretta	" 13 Feb 6
Duford, Ralph			Bearman, Mary Honora	
Eldred	June 29	" 10	Eva	Feb 2 " 14
Moineau, Mary Helen	Nov 13	" 15	Laughlin, Bernard Ed	
Gauthier, Mary Cath	Dec 20	Dec 25	Jos	Jan 21 " 15
			Simard, Mary Eliz	Mch 23 '78 " 17
			Fitzmaurice, Leo	
			Joachin	Jan 28 " 22
			Quesnel, Mary Hattie	Dec 9 " 23
			Charpentier, Edith	Jan 6
			Emilistia	Feb 27 Mch 5
			Mulcahey, Walter	Apr 17 '85 " 7
			Flynn, Loretta Agnes	Mch 10 " 11
			Lalonde, Wm Henry	" 8 " 13
			Thibault, Joseph	
			Eugene	" 11 " 21
			Ragoux, Aug Isidore	Apr 3 Apr 4
			Purcell, Raymond Dan	Mch 216 Apr 18
			Brabant, Lucy May	Apr 19 " 20
			Charron, Viola Ameda	May 5 May 9
			Foley, Ed John	" 11 " 23
			Taxon, Louisa	Apr 3 June 1
			Laguerre, Mary Lillie	Mch 22
			Lawrence, Peter Pearl	May 20 June 15
			Leroux, Charlotte Mary	
			Evelyne	" 30 " 20

MARRIAGES.

Moineau, Ed and Ade-				
line Letarte				
Fitzgerald, Peter and	Jan 6			
Sophia Charlebois	" 28			
Mcomber, Edward and				
Anna Kelly	" 13			
O Neil, John and Della				
Lysaght	June 7			
Johnson, Orson and Anna				
McKeever	" 13			
Flynn, Thomas and Mary				
Duford	July 1			
Brockway, Ossia and				
Emma Forrester	Aug 11			
Arery, Chas and Cora				
Johnson	" 19			
Valin, Jerome and Kate				
Riley	Oct 20			

Parquet, Wm Henry	Jan 7	June 20	Petrie, Martin and Anna Bordel	June 15
Morin, Franklin	June 24	July 4	Graves, Alfred and	
Staley, Sylvester Clark	July 5	" 18	Mary Denis	Sept 29
Gardner, Alice Bessie	May 26	" 25	Marshall, Willard and	
Denis, X. Willie	Aug 9	Aug 14	Kate Mills	Nov 16
Langlois, Anthony	July 9	" 15	Farrell Dan and Mary Pine	" 23
Duford, Eva Lucy	Aug 7	" 22	Emond, Nap and Virginia	
Lefebvre, James Clovis	Sept 16	Sept 18	Moineau	" 26
Desrosiers, Susan Hon- ora	Aug 24	" 19	By Rev C J Frowley, C S S R	
Emond, Lucy Emma	Sept 17	" 26	Mulcahey, Mick and Min- nie Kelsey	Feb 22
Picard, Chas Leo	" 26	" 26		
Lalonde, Helen	" 26	" 27		
Churco, Henry Wallace	" 18	Oct 3	Lalonde, Amos	
Brabant, Mary Gertrude	Oct 2	" 3	Denis, Eliz	
Garean, Anthony	Sept 27	" 5	McKinley, Joseph	
Breault, David Wm	" 24	" 15	Delaney, Wm	
Pilon, Clara Rhoda	" 2	" 10	Murphy, Bridget	
Lalonde, Amos Leo	Oct 20	Oct 31	Lalonde,	Mar 26 Mar 29
Simard, Cecelia	Nov 3	Nov 14	Foley, Nellie	
Cosselman, Clarence Mich	" 2	" 15	Charpentier, Ephrem	
Charlebois, Geo Leander	Aug 7	Dec 6	Quensel, Hyacinth	Aug 30 Sept 1
			Duford, Anna	Sept 1 " 4
			Sylvester, Mary	" 4 " 7
			Levesque, Mary E	" 9 " 12
			Mullen,	Dec 12 Dec 15

DEATHS.

BAPTISMS.

	Date of Birth	Date of Bapt
Duford, Sophia Viva	Nov 27	Dec 7
Collin, Mary Malvina	Oct 10	" 12
Bertrand, Mary Cath	Dec 1	" 12
McKinley, Clara Bella	Nov 20	" 18
Daoust, Allie Louisa	Dec 8	" 19
Peoples, Loretta Esther	Jan 27 '74	" 24

MARRIAGES.

Fitzgerald, Wm and Louise Vigneron	Jan 7
Cantwell, Barry Patrick and Flo Ann McCarn	Jan 27
McKinley, Fk and Min- nie Kelsey	Feb 2
Charpentier, Nelson and Mary Laporte	Mch 9
McCormick, Mich and Matilda Carpenter	May 12

BAPTISMS.

Lambert, John Leo	Dec 29 '86	Jan 1
Yott, Cecelia Deline	" 30 '86	" 2
Mulcahey, Mary Etta	Jan 3	" 16
Larpentigny, Wm Geo	" 10	" 16
Hesler, Chas A	June 30 '57	" 22
Lepage, Cecelia Emer- etta	Jan 28	Feb 6
Denis, Gordon James	" 24	" 6
Seeber, Mary Eva	Feb 19	Mch 6
Goulet, Mary Louisa	" 26	" 6
Williams, Eugene Em- met	" 6	" 13
Laughlin, James Law- rence	" 27	" 13
Daniels, James Ed	Mch 25	" 27
Knight, Roland Paul	Sept 10 '86	Apr 3
Hagen, John Wm	July 4 '55	" 9

Simard, Charles	Feb '66	Apr 16	McCormic, Peter and Marg Maher	June 7
Rousseau, Gilbert			Cummings, Chas and Mary McCarthy	
David	Jan 27	" 30		Aug 7
Emond, Mary Marg	Apr 27	May 1	McCarthy, Fk and Ella McKay	" 30
Charpenter, Fk	May 12	" 17	Fitzgerald, Mick and B Ann Delaney	
Jegoux, Fk Jos	Apr 20	" 19		Nov 26
Thibault, Clarence Aug	May 17	22	Lalonde, Mick and Mary Longtin	June 27

Cantwell, John Mc

DEATHS.

Cann	Mch 27	" 22	Rhodrigue, Addie	Apr 8	Apr 11
Simard, Wm Sebastien	May 20	June 5	Delaney, Patrick	" 17	" 20
Moineau, Word Henry	Nov 22 '86	" 12	Kennally, Collette	" 20	" 23
Johnson, Helen	Apr 2	" 15	Duford, Nancy	" 26	" 29
Levesque, Leo	June 18	18	Delaney, Anna	June 15	June 18
Quesnel, Leander Roy	May 30	" 6	Dowdall, Cath	" 19	" 22
Lee, Mary Amanda	" 10	" 23	Denis, Peter	Sept "	Sept "
Turcot, John B	Jan 13	" 26	Duford, Aldin	Aug	Aug
Moineau, Leonora Bella			Delaney, Joseph		
Cath	July 6	July 17	Roussel, Sophia	Oct 7	Oct 10
Lafleur, Normand Ambrose	May 11	" 23	Bissonette, Fk	" 15	" 18
Johnson, Eva Beatrix	Aug 30 '86	" 31	Miller, Wm	" 30	Nov 1
Arery, Celia Blanchie	June 8	Aug 8	Delaney, Mary	Nov 4	" 7
Laguerre, Mary Grace			Bonami, Peter	" 13	" 16
Maude	Apr 5	" 12	Thibault, John Victor	" 16	" 17
Marshall, Jane Almeda	July 25	" 21	Delaney, Joseph	" 23	" 26
McCoy, Laura Mary	Apr 27	" 31	Bissonette, Israel	" 25	" 28
Hamel, Geo Leo	Aug 20	Sept 4	Fitzgerald, Mich	Dec 29	Dec 31

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BAPTISMS.

O'Toole, Sarah Eliz	Sept 1	" 18	Flynn, Theresa Ethel	Dec 25 '87	Jan 1
Kelley, Eva Hellen	" 1	" 25	McKinley, Em Ed-		
Emond, Nap John	" 23	" 25	ward	" 25 '87	" 6
Gagner, Esther Eva	Aug 25	" 30	Gauthier, Marg Nellie	Jan 28	Feb 5
Thibault, Ann Armina	Sept 29	Oct 2	Fitzmaurice, Thos		
Duford, Amelia Sophia	Oct 10	" 16	Nicholas	Feb 4	" 6
Duford, Eva Mary	" 17	" 21	Fitzgerald, Helen Rose	" 13	" 20
Thibault, Jn Victor	Nov 9	Nov 14	Rattray, Lottie Gert-		
Foley, Gertrude Mabel	" 17	" 26	rude	Dec 10	" 20
Denis, Helen Marg	" 22	" 27	Farrell, Bridget Alli-		
Lalonde, Geo Ed	" 26	" 27	son	Jan 21	" 25
Purcell, Mary Bell Mirth	" 7	" 27	Picard, Joseph	Mch 28	Apr 1
Charron, Ambrose	Dec 7	Dec 9	Gillick, Geo Leroy	Feb 22	" 8

MARRIAGES.

Hesler, Chas and Amelia Thibault	Feb 9	Lafontaine, Agnes Ad-	
Moran, Fk and Mary Collin	Mch 10	die	Mch 4 '75 " 13
Hagan John and Hellen McKinley	Apr 20	Lafontain, Mary	Apr 17 '83 " 13
Letarte, John and Letitia Gareau	May 3	Lafontain, Dora	June 27 '85 " 13
Sayers, Benj and Sophia Langevin	" 8	Moineau, Beulah Mary	Mch 22 '88 " 15

BAPTISMS.

			Belleville, Joseph and Emma Vops	Jan 8
	Date of Birth.	Date of Bapt.	Flood, John and Charlotte Sturtevant	" 9
McCormick, Mary Cornelia	Apr 19	Apr 29	Hayden, James and Eliz Charlebois	" 24
Lafontaine, Gertrude Eva	Oct 17 '79	" 13	Cavannagh, Ed and Mary Hayes	Feb 13
Langlois, James	Apr 9	May 27	Austin, Chas and Olive Charlebois	Apr 15
Gillick, Eva Joanna	June 5	June 24	Marshal, Chas and Emma Longtin	May 12
Daoust, Beatrice Anastasia	" 19	" 24	Charlebois, Alphonzo and Anna McCann	" 31
Lafleur, Lucy Louisa	Mch 15	" 25	Denis, Leander and Amelia Johnson	July 15
Manson, Anna	July 15	July 20	Carter, Wm and Ida Pilon	Aug 18
Carpenter, Mary Agnes	" 19	" 29	Bertrand, Jn and Mary Ann Charpentier	Sept 10
Ladoques, Thos	" 29	Aug 1	Rateau, Andrew Philip and Matilda Laforce	Oct 13
Lalonde, Mildred Cecelia	" 16	" 5	Knight, Cornelius and Sarah Farrell	" 30
Churco, Sarah Edna	Aug 16	" 26	Bertrand, Nap B and Clara Bertrand	Nov 7
Brabant, Peter Augustus	" 20	" 30	Boot, Frank and Eliz Ben	Dec 4
Lalonde, Chas Robert	" 12	Sept 2	Simard, Jacob and Cecelia Waters	" 10
Emond, Louis Herbert	Sept 13	" 16	By Rev M Wm Kelley, of Rosiere	
Farrell, John Emmanuel	" 7	" 23	Nolan, John and Mary McKinley	Jan 17
Bouchard, Paul Wm	Nov 10	Sept 23		
Fitzgerald, Mary Theresa	Sept 19	" 27		
Lafrance, Peter	May 6	Oct 7		
Moran, John Phileas	Oct 16	" 21		
Duford, Irenus Claud	Sept 26	" 22		
Simard, Mary Agnes	1887	Nov 1		
Simard, Geo Philip	Nov 12	" 18		
Murphy, Fk	May 25 '62	" 24		
Normandin, Wm Henry Edgar	Mch 27 '87	" 25		
Normandin, Anastasia Min Louisa	Jan 30 '86	Nov 25		
McCoy, John Edward	Feb 8 '80	" 25		
Thibault, Irene	Nov 19	" 25		
McCarthy, Wm Louis	" 30	Dec 1		
Denis, Caroline Burnetta	" 20	" 2		
Raynold, Eliz Louisa	Oct 27	" 9		
Arquet, Marg	Dec 15	" 16		
Lawler, May Agnes	" 1	" 20		
Belleville, May Blanche	" 14	" 23		

DEATHS.

			Date of Death	Date of Burial
			Fitzmaurice, Thos Nicholas	Feb 5 Feb 7
			McCormick, Alice	" 27 " 29
			Knight, Lulu Mary	May 3 May 5
			Bertrand, Geo	" 11 " 13
			Burdick, Eva May	" 11 " 13
			Duford, Sophia	" 18 June 19
			Picard, Chas Leo	June 29 May 1
			Picard, Joseph	Sept 19 Sept 21
			Lalonde, Mary	" 21 " 23
			Desrosiers, Levi	Sept 31 Oct 2
			Daoust, Beatrice Anastasia	Oct 4 " 5
			Levesque, Andrew	" 6 " 8

Laguette, Joseph	Oct 10	Oct 12	Creamier, Mary Jane	Oct 10	Oct 23
Manson, Anna			Duford, Ambrose Angus-		
Desrosiers, Cath		Nov 12	line	Sept 24	" 27
McCoy, Mary	Nov 20	Dec 1	Delaney, Pauline	Oct 24	Nov 16
Boy, Peter	Dec 24	" 26	Thibault, Leo Edgat	Nov 11	" 17
Gillick, Patrick	Dec		Winslaw, Olan Jos	Mch 12 '65	" 22

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BAPTISMS.

Hayden, Mary Ruth	Dec 12 '88	Jan 13	By Rev C Rameau, M. S. H. of Watertown		
Philips, Leander Alfred	July 9 '88	Feb 1	Moineau, Wm	Nov 3	Dec 16
Lachance, Henriette					

Lourina	Feb 4	" 16
Hemlock, Louis	" 18	" 25
Hemmondway, Mary		
Philenda	" 8	Mch 3

Rajeau, Joseph Nicholas	" 17	" 3
Lackey, Bertha Mary	" 29	" 17
Moineau, Niles Aug	Mch 6	Apr 7
Mirmock, Mary	Apr 1	" 7
Dickson, Mary Ann	Mch 14	" 20
Bazinot, Mary Bernadette	May 9	May 12
Burdick, Mirtle Almira	" 12	" 19
Charpentier, Mary		

Sophia	" 22	June 2
Vott, Joseph Theodore	Apr 24	" 23
Picard, Mary Loretta	June 24	July 13
Letarte, John Edgar	July 9	" 21
Charpentier, Jn Henry	" 25	" 28
Bertrand, Ed Carl	" 24	Aug 4
McKinley, Paul Kelsey	" 20	" 5
Daoust, Beatrice Anas-		
tasia	Aug 11	" 18
Emond, Anna Cora	" 21	" 25
Lafleur, Eva Jane	July 14	Sept 4
Lepage, Rachael Amelia		

	Sept 2	" 8
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Duford, Gifford Aloysi-		
us	" 2	" 30
O'Toole, Margarite	" 16	Oct 9
Simard, John Roy	July 7	" 6
Neville, Chas	Aug 9 '67	" 6
Johnson, Frederic	" 27	" 13

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BAPTISMS.

Goulet, Theodora Adel-		
aide	Oct 13	Oct 20

MARRIAGES.

Bailey, Peter and Virginia Charlebois		
		Jan 8

Herbert, Joseph and Susan Pilon	May	1
Lagurre, Geo and Eliz Beach	"	7

Cummings, Thos and Marg Fitzgerald		
	June	19

Maher, James and Alice McKinley	Aug	6
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McCormick, Mick and Sophia Lanthier		
	Aug	22

Weever, John and Marg Kanally	Sept	10
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Neville, Chas and Sarah Kelly	Oct	8
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Johnson, Joseph and Mary Laforce		
	Nov	4

McKinley, Joseph and Nellie Lagurre		
	Nov	14

Moineau, John and Delia Turgeon	"	16
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Turgeon, Jos and Virginia Rochon	"	16
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Winslow, Olan Jos and Rosella Nestor		
	Nov	27

DEATHS.

	Death	Date of Burial
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Simard,	Feb 15	Feb 20
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Nestor, Mick	Mch 3	Mch 5
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Kinsella, Mick	Apr 26	Apr 29
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Dubois, Lonisa	Aug 30	May 2
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Maher, Mary	Aug 9	Aug 11
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Burdick, Mary	" 10	" 12
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Duford, Joseph	"	Aug
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Dowdall, Thomas	Oct 23	Oct 25
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Reiley, Francis	" 25	" 28
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Burdick	Dec 26	Dec 28
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BAPTISMS.

	Date of Birth	Date of Bapt
Gillick, Jn Nestor	Dec 4 '80	Jan 20
Belleville, Beatrice Adeline	Jan 5 "	" 20
Mulcahey, Cath	Sept 18 '62	" 31
Laguerre, Marg	Nov 16 '63	Feb 15
Campbell, Hugh and James	Dec 5 '89	" 23
Thibault, Phileas	Mch 5	Mch 9
Cantwell, Francis Harold	" "	" 16
Marshall, Don Lawrence	Feb 17	" 16
Boss, Mary Lena	Apr 22 '87	" 22
Boss, Agnes Mable	" 5 '89	" 22
Hayden, Eliz Agnes	Feb 6	Apr 20
O'Rois, Byron Joseph Duane	Oct 27	May 10
Flynn, May Edith	May 5	" 11
Graves, Wm Thos	" 2	" 18
Brabant, Florence Louisa	" 12	" 18
Laguerre, Wm Henry	" 12	" 18
McCormick, Alice Irene	" 21	June 8
Lepage, Anna Laura	May 31	" 8
Cummings, Mary Liliark	Dec 22 '89	" 3
Moineau, Mary Stella	June 16	" 17
Churco, Pauline Edna	" 24	July 6
Riga, Leo Francis	July 7	" 19
Gilchrist, Benj Claud	" 26	Aug 2
Langevin, Helen Edna	Aug 8	" 24
Charpentier, Paul	" 27	" 30
Lalonde, Martin Ed	July 16	" 30
McCarthy, Mary Agnes	" 22	Sept 5
O'Brien, Wm White	Aug 12	Oct 21
Charron, Lena Loretta	Oct 22	" 26
Duford, Bernadette	Nov 19	Nov 24
Duford, Cath Austina	" 22	" 30
Hayes, Cath Ann	Dec 1	Dec 7
Farrell, Lena Mary	" 5	" 21
Bailey, Mary Laurina	" 13	" 21
Bertrand, Mary Jane	Mch 1 '43	" 26
By Rev Fr Frowley, C. S. S. R.		
Marshall, Louis	Sept 27 '56	Feb 1
Marshall, Albert	June 27 '61	" 1

MARRIAGES.

Boyle, Eugene and Sophia Fitzgerald	Apr 7
Docter, Alfred and Mary Delaney	" 22
Kilburn, Herbert and Theresa York	July 1
Ryan, Henry and Eliza McCormick	Aug 26
Howard, Wm and Eldridge Bazinet	Sept 21
Miller, Geo and Mary Ann Daniels	Nov 9
Murphy, Wm and Philomina Bazinet	Nov 26
Simard, Charles and Rose Daniels	" 29

DEATHS.

Ragoux, Raymond O	Jan 15	Jan 17
Simard, Jessie	Apr	Apr
Rhodrigue Fk	" 26	" 28
Moineau, Mary Stella		
Hayden,	Sept 6	Sept 7
Preville, Wm	" 7	" 9
Bertrand, Edward	" 18	" 26
Lalonde, Cyprien	" 28	" 30
McKinley, Arthur	" 30	Oct 1

BAPTISMS.

Fitzgerald, James Pat	Nov 26	Jan 4
Herbrect, Edward Jn	Oct 23 '90	" 1
Desrosiers, Marg Irene	Nov 9 '90	" 18
Yott, Eliz Maude	Jan 9	" 18
Charlebois, Anastasia		
Lena	" 6	" 18
Barrett, Theresa Francis	" 2	" 20
Turgeon, John Edward	" 19	Feb 1
Denis, Mary Ella Manville	Feb 23	Mch 1
Hesler, Benj Henry	" 24	" 1
Charpentier, Jn Nap	" 16	" 11
Collin, Mary Virginia Beatrice	Mch 12	" 16
Moineau, Sophia Stella	" 12	" 22
Hagdey, Josephine Veronica	" 24	" 27
Daoust, Ambrose Cleveland	" 22	" 26

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Marshall, Cornaire and Kate Connally

BAPTISMS.

Emond, Henry Ed	Apr 5	Apr 12
Gillick, Mick Francis	Feb 19	" 19
Gillick, James Alfred	June 14	June 28
McCormick, Joanna	May 23	" 28
Winslow, Mary Ethel	Nov 23 '90	May 10
Simard, Lyda	Apr 27	" 17
Brabant, John B Jos	May 10	" 24
Sureau, Mary Louise	Mich 5	June 21
Thibault, Pauline		

Ulanie	July 3	July 5
Bearman, Francis Earl	June 28	" 5
Picard, Clarence	May 15	" 19
Miller, Mildred Edith	July 2	" 24
Moineau, Anna Laura	" 23	" 26
Fitzgerald, Maurice Jas	June 15	" 26
Belleville, Geo Anthony	July 31	Aug 2
Roussel, Nina Mary	June 7	" 4
Arery, Ethel Mar	Apr 10	" 16
Charlebois, Anna Nellie	Aug 28	" 30
Emond, Jos Raoul Omer	" 25	" 3
Bertrand, Clara Pauline	" 30	Sept 13
Simard, Mary Eva	Sept 9	" 13
Charpentier, Thos Isaac	" 12	" 13
Purcell, James Henry	" 25	" 27
Carter, Wm Earl	" 4	" 5
Charlebois, Howard Al-		

phonsus	" 29	Oct 4
Austin, Ethel Mary	Oct 27 '90	" 9
Cautwell, Anna Lucy	Sept 13	" 11
Duford, James Louis	" 23	" 12
Gauthier, Mary Louise	Oct 22	Nov 1
Duford, Anna Laura	Nov 4	" 8
Cummings, Thos Ben-		
ton	Sept 3	" 13
Campbell, Cecelia	Oct 25	" 13
Flood, Mary Mable	Aug 17	" 13
Laquerre, Marg Ella	Nov 25	Dec 13

MARRIAGES.

Thomas, Jn and Flo Delia Quesnel		
	Jan 7	
Fitzgerald, Wm and Mary Charlebois		
	" 27	
Fitzgerald, Mick and Mary Connally		
	Feb 5	

Emery Wm and Mary Fitzgerald	Mich 30	Feb 9
Moran, Jas and Hellen Collin	July 15	
Burns, James and Mary Vincent	Aug 30	
Sheehan, Jeremiah and Marg Campbell		
	Sept 8	
Daibault, John and Marcelline Kochon		
	Nov 1	
Sureau, Adolp and Nellie Delaney Lee	Dec 3	

DEATHS

Fitzgerald,	Jan 26	Jan 27
Quesnel, Joseph	" 27	" 29
Daniel,	" 29	" 30
Burns, Bridget	" 17	" 20
moineau, Mary Stella		
moineau, Anna	July 13	July 14
McKinley, Nellie	Nov 17	Nov 19

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BAPTISMS.

O'Toole, Jn Alex	Dec 18 '91	Jan 10
Fitzgerald, Jas Wm	Jan 1	" 15
Sureau, Georgianna		
Angela	" 20	" 24
Amond, Sarah Jane		
Mary	Nov 10 '95	" 26
Thibault, Helena	Jan 31	Feb 7
Graves, Anastasia Marg	Feb 20	" 20
Marshall, Henry Munson	Mich 7	Mich 20
Creamer, Sarah Helena	Feb 25	" 25
Lachance, Matilda	June 10	June 13
Emond, Paul Roy	" 8	" 19
Langlois, Geo Angutus	" 6	" 26
Lalonde, Mich	" 14	July 3
Stockwell, Mary Ellure	July 3	" 23
O'Brien, Mich Jn	June 18	" 31
Churco Pauline	Aug 2	Aug 14
McKinley, James Harald	July 24	" 21
Levesque, Nettie Louisa	Aug 20	" 21
Fitzgerald Rebecca		
Carmin	" 9	Sept 1
McKinley, Geo Victor	" 24	" 11
Boyle, Leo Claude	" 9	" 11
moineau, Roland Ed	Sept 10	" 18
Rochelcan Fred	" 8	" 25
Muleahey Anna Lauretta	" 25	" 25

Bailey, Peter Eugene	Sept 27	Oct 6	Marshal, Anna Mary	Mch 19	Mch 26
Barrett, Clara Eva			Emery, Lottie Mary	Apr 14	Apr 19
Mirtle	Oct 11	" 3	Marshal, Eleanor Mary	" 4	" 16
Turgeon, Mary Annetta	Nov 3	Nov 6	Emond, Mary Stella	" 20	" 23
Lalonde, Thos Jn	" 19	" 20	Purcell, Hellen Eliz	" 13	May 2
Boganchitz, Francis Al-			Hesler, Paul Harold	May 16	" 21
phonius	" 16	" 27	Delaney, Harold		
Herbrecht, Fk Leo	Aug 30	Dec 2	Anmond	Apr 6	" 31
Murphy, John Urban	Dec 5	" 11	Thomas Mary Stella	May 24	June 11

MARRIAGES.

Delaney, John and Sarah J. M.	Anmond		Fitzgerald, Mary	" 26	" 11
	Jan 2		Charlebois, Anthony	June 4	" 11
Lalonde, Mich and Marg Levesque			Picard, Ella Mary	May 16	July 2
	Apr 27		Lalonde, Hellen	June 25	" 9
Russel, Hiram and Mary Lavary	Sept 12		Gauthier, Anna Lucy	July 11	" 16
Letarte, Peter and Marg Lachance	" 20		Burdick, Emma Jane	" 6	" 16
Lanthier, Gaspar and Marg Duford	" 26		Marshal, Anthony Cleve-		
			land	Mch 16	" 16
			Lavary, Agnes Hattie	Apr 16	'78 " 21
			Letarte, Oliver Andrew	July 18	" 23
			McCormick, James		
			Ernest	June 12	" 30
			Downes, Fira Mary	Mch 14	Aug 9
			Charlebois, Anna Ren-		
			etta	Aug 25	Sept 3
			Carter, Wm	July 15	" 3
			Charpentier, Irene	Sept 6	Sept 10
			Lawler, Jas Ed	Aug 20	" 24
			McCormick, Edward	Sept 21	Oct 22
			Goulet, Wm Chas	Oct 12	" 22
			Emond, Walter Sam	" 20	" 22
			Duford, Sarah Christiana	Dec 16	Dec 24
			Hayden, Hellen	Nov 29	" 31
			By Rev Fr F. G. Moriarity, O. S. A. of		
			Carthage		
			Thibault, Mary Marg	Apr 18	May 7
			Cantwell, Mick	Mch 27	" 7

DEATHS

Moineau, Lona Bell	Jan 2	Jan 3			
Moineau,					
McCarthy,	" 26	" 26			
Murray, Mary Eva Agnes	" 27	" 28			
Knight, Kate	Feb 13	Feb 13			
Lachance, Oliver	" 16	" 16			
Pilon, Fred	" 24	" 26			
Dowdall, Debora	Mch 2	Mch 4			
Fitzgerald, Eliz	May 21	May 23			
Thibault, Helena	June 9	June 10			
Cantwell, Anna Lucy	July 13	July 15			
Bertrand, Peter	Oct 4	Oct 6			
Laughlin, Hellen	Nov 12	Nov 14			
Johnson, Marg	" 19	" 21			
Moineau, Anna L.	Sept 11	Sept 12			
Bertrand, Peter	Nov 29	Dec 1			
Emery, Harold	Dec 4	" 5			
Lawler, Michael					

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BAPTISMS.

Marshal, Jn Albert	Jan 14 '90	Jan 15	Thibault, Henry and Hellen Charpentier	Jan 3
Miller, Georgiana	" 7	" 25	Collin, Lynn and Sarah Russel	Mch 25
Langevin, Jn Roy	" 16	Feb 5	Morrin, Peter and Kate Calfer	Aug 3
Belleville, Damas Ed	Feb 12	" 13	Dubois, Henry and Hellen Bazinet	Oct 25
Laguerre, Anna Steph-			Cummings, Fk and Anna Bazinet	Nov 15
anie	" 11	" 17	Marshal, Alex and Anna Delaney	" 22
McCarthy, Francis Estes			Bertrand, Jn and Mary Lachance	" 30
	Mch 14	Mch 19		

MARRIAGES.

Mattis, Conrad and Eliz Fitzgerald
Dec 31
By Rev Fr M F Ambrose, of Redwood
Goulet, Albert and Louisa Lavary Apr 10
By Rev W. S. Kelley, of Cape Vincent
Duford, Eli and Anna Duford Oct 18

DEATHS.

Thibault, Ben
Mulcahey, Thomas Apr 20 Apr 22
Gillick, Peter June 2 June 4
Knight, Sarah July 24 July 26
Biddlecome, Agnes " 26 " 28
Thibault, Anthony Oct 24 Oct 26
Downes, John Dec 4 Dec 6

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BAPTISMS.

Hesler, Marg Ann Apr 16 '18 Jan 20
Thibault, Bernard Aug Jan 16 " 27
Lalonde, Fred Cleveland Feb 7 Feb 11
Charpentier, Alice Aure-
lina " 7 " 11
Denis, Eliz Evelina Jan 19 " 11
Belleville, Lena Emma Feb 8 " 11
Thibault Hector Anth-
ony " 13 " 18
Churcot, Mary Gladus Dec 21 '93 Feb 25
Denis, Lulu Cath Mch 20 Mch 25
Graves, Ruth Helen Feb 14 " "
Burns, James May 22 '34 " 19
McKinley, Mary Hellen Jan 24 Apr 1
Moineau, Geo Ed Mch 24 " 1
Creamer, James Ray-
mond Fk Apr 5 May 6
Thibault, Anthony Her-
ald May 1 " 7
Farrell, Edward Fk Apr 18 " 13
O'Toole, Mary Kathleen May 11
Ammond, Adeline-
Amelia Feb 10 '89 May 15
Cummings, Ursula
Maudie " 14 May 26
Turgeon, Helen Edith
Adeline June 14 June 17
Mahony, Maurice R July 31 '93 June 24
Mahony, Anna Feb 18 '70 July 3
Mahony, Geo Leo Mch 28 " 30
Fitzgerald, Hellen Eliz July 20 Aug 19
Miller, James Wm Aug 15 " 25
Rennie, Jos Henry July 25 " 25
Marshall, Jos Alex Sept 13 Sept 16

Barend, Mary Portance Oct 12 Oct 14
Emond, Chas Ed " 25 " 28
Lefebvre, Cath Marion " 25 " 28
Orvis, Bernard Wm May 16 Nov 4
Lalonde, Wm Fk Oct 21 " 4
Boganchitz, Ella Mary " 11 " 11
Fitzgerald, Jn Ed " 27 " 17
Duford, Regina Edna " 17 " 23
Gauthier, Adeline Isa-
bell Nov 22 Nov 25
Marshall, Walter James Oct 20 " 25
Fitzgerald, Eliz Ruth Nov 1 Dec 2
Martin, Jos Milo Apr 11 Dec 5
Bertrand, Henry Wm Dec 7 " 23
By Rev J F. Moriarity, A S A of Carthage
Moineau, Earl Mick Apr 13 Apr 15
Moineau, Wm " 19 " 22

By Rev M F Ambrose, of Redwood

Simard, Frank Nov 15 July 18

MARRIAGES.

Lefebvre, Fred and Anna Hayes Jan 16
McKinley, John and Kate Delaney " 31
Letarte, Augustus and Nettie Levesque
May 30
Larpentigny, Xavier and Cath Lafrance
June 16
Bennett, Chas Pand Emma Laporte Aug 8
Jegoux, Anthony and Cora Denis Sept 1

DEATHS.

Purcell, Henry Mch 22 Mch 23
Burns, James " 21 " 23
Purcell, Hellen " 27 " 28
Purcell, Nellie May 6 May 8
Delaney, Mich " 10 " 12
Kanally, John
Thibault, Mary Dec 9 Dec 11
Moineau, " 20 " 22

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BAPTISMS.

Mulcahey, Theresa Dec 12 '94 Jan 6
Thomas, Augustina Jan 4 " 6
Dubois, Jos Henry Feb 13 Feb 17
Bush, Louisa Jan 24 '92 " 17
Bush, Mary Nov 14 '94 " 17

MARRIAGES.

Gregor, Jos C and Eliz Kannally Jan 8
White, Geo and Mary Alice McCandie
Feb 12

CHAPTER XV.

Rev. P. S. Garand, J. E. Derome and H. Mayer. The indebtedness on the church is paid in full. The rectory and church are repaired. The church grounds are improved. A cement walk is built. New stations of the cross, stained glass windows, statues and a pipe organ are presented to the church.

The present incumbent, Rev. P. S. Garand, author of this short history, is the twenty-first priest who has ministered to the spiritual wants of the catholics of Clayton. He was appointed pastor Feb. 26, 1895, but took charge of the parish only March 21, 1895.

When he arrived, he found the following debt :

Jefferson county Savings Bank two Mortgages	\$12,000.00
First National Band of Clayton note	2,400.00
Wm. Whaley of Lafargeville, N. Y., note... . .	1,200.00
Floating debts.	2,314.49
Interest due	413.70
Total	\$18,328.19

And he met people divided into dissenting factions. Many had upheld and approved the former administration, whilst others had bitterly opposed it and had lost confidence in the financial management of the parish affairs. These dissensions gave the new pastor

more anxiety than the heavy debt, and he realized from the start, that unless peace and union could be re-established, the great indebtedness on the church, could never be paid. Thus his first words to the people of Clayton were those of our Lord: "Peace be unto you," and never since, has he ceased to preach peace, union and harmony. Docile to his words, these opposing factions have long since buried the hatchet of contention, and they now reap the fruit of their union and harmony in the consecration of their church.

Knowing that without the divine assistance neither peace, nor success could be obtained, the new pastor with the bishop's authorization, established the league of the Sacred Heart and the Archconfraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. He told his people that the Rosary would be recited every Sunday either after Mass or Vespers, the procession of the Most Holy Rosary would take place every first Sunday of the month after Vespers, that the first Friday devotions with the Communion of reparation, the exposition of the blessed sacrament for one hour and the other league exercises would be observed on the first Friday of each month, and all this would be done with one intention in view, viz., to obtain from heaven the means to pay the heavy indebtedness on the church.

"With the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin Mary on our side," did he often say to his people, "fear not



REV. P. S. GARAND

PASTOR AT CLAYTON FROM MARCH 19, 1895 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

the debt will be paid, and sooner than you expect."

To these words of encouragement and reliance on heavenly assistance, he added that he would publish quarterly and annual reports, which would keep them well informed as to every cent received and expended. To these two causes, viz., the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin and the publishing of reports does the present pastor attribute all his success in wiping out the indebtedness on the church. A synoptic table of the yearly payments on the debt and the other receipts and disbursements will show better than written words what has been accomplished.

Year:	Repairs on church and Rectory	New furnitures for church and house	Insurance	Interest	Paid on Principal	Total Receipts and Total Expenditures
1895			\$245.00	\$1,132.05	\$3,804.49	\$6,610.47
1896	\$ 94.25			697.97	1,920.00	4,047.72
1897	328.19	\$ 191.48		584.00	1,370.00	4,336.49
1898	538.27	1,750.85	244.50	531.12	1,910.00	6,071.44
1899	1,069.86	208.45	25.50	466.00	1,000.00	5,074.58
1900	204.28	658.84		390.00	2,110.00	5,593.18
1901	39.50	3,971.52	322.85	304.00	4,000.00	11,372.82
1902	374.48	604.53		195.00	2,600.00	5,913.15
Total	\$2,554.63	\$7,385.67	\$837.85	\$4,210.14	\$17,914.49	\$49,595.85

How was all this money raised? By means of socials, contests, excursions, suppers, entertainments, subscriptions, monthly collections, donations, annual fairs and other honest devices. Not long after the present pastor arrived, he formed a loan association. He found forty persons willing to loan St. Mary's church \$30.00 at 5 per cent, and he gave them a loan Certificate in return. With this money, he redeemed the Whaley note of \$1,200.00. This deal practically

paid the Whaley note and caused the interest on it to cease, as most all the members of the loan association donated their interest and in the end the \$30,000 or part of same. Following are those who donated their loan certificate or part of it :

Foley, John	\$ 30.00	Casselman, James	10.00
Fitzgerald, James (Defurno)	30.00	Fitzgerald, Wm and Mick (E L R)	30.00
Rev P S Garand,	30.00	Fitzgerald Peter Sr	30.00
Bazinett, J B	30.00	Denis, Leander Sr	30.00
Charlebois, Joseph	30.00	Dubois, Henry	30.00
Hayes, John W	30.00	Maher, M C	30.00
Fitzgerald, John E	30.00	Downes, Christopher	20.00
Fitzgerald, Maurice B C	30.00	Thibault, Geo E	30.00
Fitzgerald, Theo and Mick B C	30.00	Brabant, Jos H	30.00
Duford, Joseph	30.00	Thibault, John O	30.00
Delaney, James	30.00	Thibault, Joseph Sr	30.00
Dwyer, Anna	30.00	Fitzgerald, M J	30.00
Bertrand, N B	30.00	Delaney, Marcus	20.00
Fitzgerald, Mrs B Ann	30.00	McKinley, Geo H	15.00

After paying the Whaley note, his next endeavor was to reduce the interest from six per cent to five and four per cent. Thus he borrowed money first from Victor LeClerc of Clayton, N. Y., and another party and paid off the bank note of \$2,400.00 Then he borrowed \$2,000.00 from a third party which he paid on the mortgage. Having thus equilibrated the finances of the parish, he set to work in earnest about decreasing the church debt with the result above stated. After the successful fair of 1901, perceiving that the indebtedness on the church would remain only \$4,000.00 by the first of January, 1902, George Thibault whom God has since called to his reward, thought that the time was ripe to take up a final subscription to liquidate the entire indebtedness on the church and made this

suggestion to the pastor. The latter had already planned this new scheme several months before and was agreeably surprised to discover that some of his parishioners had the same trend of mind that he had. So he appointed a committee of two men for each street in the village and each road in the country to find out if this plan would be feasible. It took very little persuasion to convince the whole parish that a sufficient amount of money could be raised to liquidate the debt on the church and that this was the best and wisest thing they could do. Therefore, they promised very liberal subscriptions and the pastor then went around and had everybody sign a regular subscription list. The names of those who signed the final subscription will be found further on in this book. Such is the history of the liquidation of St. Mary's church debt.

Besides paying off the indebtedness on the church, the present pastor had the church, rectory, barn and horse sheds painted on the outside, the tower and walls of the church pointed, the rectory entirely renovated. The south wing was raised, the present long piazza built, the interior plastered, papered and painted, water works were put in the house and church, a hot air furnace was placed in the rectory, house furniture was bought, the grounds around the church and house were graded and sodded and the beautiful cement walk was built along the whole property. No alteration of the material structure of the church was made inside, except the setting up of two iron posts to support the

gallery, in which is placed the heavy pipe organ, the veneering of the columns in quartered oak, the widening of the space in front of the first pews, which was done by cutting off a few steps of the sanctuary and raising the railing.

If no important alteration of the material structure of the church was made inside or outside, yet, the interior was greatly embellished by handsome and costly donations.

Seven stained glass windows were donated during the the present incumbent's pastorate. The window of the apparition of the Sacred Heart to blessed Margaret Mary was donated by August Potter, in remembrance of himself and his mother Anna. The window of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubiron is the gift of Alex. Manson and wife. The window of St. William and St. Elizabeth in memory of William J. and Elizabeth Burns and that of St. Anthony and St. Theresa to commemorate the wedding day of her daughter, Cora E. Burns, to A. N. Phelan, Oct. 23rd 1900, is the gift of Mrs. W. J. Burns, the great benefactress of St. Mary's church. The window of St. Augustin and St. Mary Magdalen in memory of Rev. J. E. Derome and Cora E. Burns was presented to St. Mary's church by Miss Cora E. Burns. The windows of St. Peter and St. Paul were donated by the two incumbent trustees Joseph Brabant, in remembrance of himself and wife Josephine, and Michael C. Maher, in memory of his father and mother, Michael and Joanna

Maher. Finally, the window of St. Francis Xavier and St. Rose of Lima, in memory of Francis Xavier and Rose de Lima Garand was donated by Rev. P. S. Garand.

One of the finest gifts made to St. Mary's church was that of the beautiful stations of the cross by Miss Helen C. Wall, of New York city, now Mrs. John S. Carey of Brooklyn. These were made to order in France and are of Carton-pierre and terra cotta. The blessing of these stations of the cross is one of the most memorable events in the annals of St. Mary's parish. Right Rev. Bishop Gabriels performed the ceremony March 1, 1899 and Rev. Fr. J. P. Murphy, O. M. J., of Ottawa, University P. O. preached the sermon.

The following clergy were present: M. F. Ambrose, of Norwood, Rev. F. X. Chagnon, of Champlain, N. Y., W. S. Kelley, of Cape Vincent, N. Y., P. L'Esperance, M. S. C., of Watertown, W. A. McDermott, of Alexandria Bay, C. A. Burriek, of Ogdensburg, A. L. Dufresne of Evans Mills, Joseph Pontur, of Lafargeville, J. E. Derome and P. S. Garand, of Clayton, N. Y.

Out of a few hundred names placed in an urn, the fourteen following gentlemen were drawn.

They carried in their hand the little wooden cross to which is attached the indulgence of the way of the cross, and after it was blessed by the bishop, they climbed a ladder and placed it on the top of the large frames. As they descended, each dropped in a basket an envelope containing their name and an offering for the

church. These names and offerings were as follows :

1st Station—Bazinet, Joseph	\$ 10.00	8th Station—White, Wm	15.00
2d " —Lalonde, Geo Sr	10.00	9th " —Lefebvre, O J	10.00
3d " —Charlebois Joseph	10.00	10th " —Laguerre, Stephen	10.00
4th " —Bazinet, John B	10.00	11th " —Foley, E J	5.00
5th " —McKinley, Patrick	10.00	12th " —Fitzgerald, Mick E L, R	10.00
6th " —Solar, John E	5.00	13th " —Fitzgerald, Maurice B C	15.00
7th " —Lepage, Edward	10.00	14th " —Hagan, John	10.00

Besides the stations of the cross, Miss Wall has donated beautiful altar linens to the church and a magnificent set of white and gold vestments to the pastor. Miss Wall has then a right to our gratitude and she should always be counted among the number of the generous benefactors of St. Mary's church.

Another great benefactress of our church, whose generosity is proverbial, is Mrs. W. J. Burns. Besides contributing most generously to collections, she has donated to the church, along with the two windows, already spoken of, the new electric system, the complete shrine of St. Anthony, two brackets for statues, \$200 towards the pilgrimage, a pair of brass vases and candlesticks; she has subscribed \$500 towards liquidating the debt on the church gave a set of purple, black and red dalmatics, an umbrelino and has presented the pastor with a gold chalice studded with precious stones, a pair of brass vases, a pair of three branch candlesticks, nearly all the house furniture and a set of white and gold dalmatics. Her daughter Mrs. A. X. Phelan, donated the statue of St. Ann, one of the costly confessionals, three copes and a good share of the furniture which the pastor now possesses. The latter's daughter Collette Burns Phelan

has donated the veneering of the columns in the church and the pillar brass bands with electric lamps ; the veneering of the small posts under the organ and electric fixtures are the gift of Theo. and Maurice Fitzgerald, B. C.

The statue of the Sacred Heart was donated by personal friends of the pastor who also gave him the ostensorium used on great feast days. The costly painting of the Madonna and child with a domican saint in adoration before them and which is said to be four hundred years old is the gift of Mr. C. G. Ewery of New York city.

The Consecration crosses were also donated by the following generous persons and dedicated to the memory of either themselves or to that of some near relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos Dowdall by their daughter Hellen.

“ “ “ William Delaney “ “ “ Bridget Ann.

“ “ “ Leander Brabant “ “ son Joseph H.

“ “ “ Moses Lafaiver “ “ daugh Mrs Memmette
Riley.

“ “ “ John Kanally “ “ son Maurice.

“ “ “ Christopher Downes by their children.

“ “ “ John B Lamy by their daugh Mrs Louisa
Leclerc.

“ “ “ James Delaney.

“ “ “ Bridget Ann Fitzgerald.

“ “ “ Fabien Belleville.

“ “ “ John P Bazinet.

“ “ “ Amos Brabant.

We have now come to the grandest gift ever made to St. Mary's church, and that is the pipe organ donated by Mr. and Mrs. Michael, Theophilus and Maurice Fitzgerald, B. C. It cost \$2,500.00 and was made by C. E. Morey, of Utica, N. Y. Never shall the parishoners of St. Mary's church forget the names of these generous donators. It is written in golden letters in the memory of all and it will always be as fresh as this glorious monument will be enduring.

This organ was blessed Dec. 8th by Rev. P. S. Garand, pastor of the church, and used for the first time Dec. 12, 1901, at a grand concert and organ recital. Prof. Geo. Fisher of Utica, N. Y., presided at the organ. Prof. H. L. West, of Lowville directed the choruses and Miss Viva Frame of Clayton was the accompanist.

This was pronounced the best concert ever heard in Clayton. Seven hundred of the best people of the town and village of Clayton with the following clergymen were present: Very Rev. P. O. Larose, Ogdensburg, Vicar General of the Diocese, Very Rev. Jn. O'Rourke, of Lowville, Revs. F. X. Chagnon, Champlain, Damas Guilbault, of Cape Vincent; Fr. Desjardins, of Harrisville, N. Y.; Fr. Royet, M. S. H., of Watertown; Fr. Stephens, of Madrid; Jos. Pontur, of Lafargeville; Fr. St. Jacques, of Harrisville; and J. E. Deromé and P. S. Garand of Clayton.

Besides the above gifts, the author of this book has been most fortunate in securing help for the church in some other ways. When he came to Clayton he was

accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. LeClerc and J. B. Lamy, Mrs. LeClerc's father.

This family has been a real providence to the pastor and St. Mary's church. As the parish was financially embarrassed, Mr. and Mrs. LeClerc furnished the priest's house with their own furniture. These were used by the pastor for over six years, without charge to the parish. Whenever the pastor was hard pressed for money, and this happened several times, Mr. LeClerc was always there to supply the want at the low rate of four per cent. Mr. J. B. Lamy, Mrs. LeClerc's father, served the church over five years in the capacity of janitor and sexton and donated two long years of his services to St. Mary's church. His punctuality and fidelity to duty became proverbial in the town. He died in harness, a martyr to duty, on St. Patrick's day, March 17th, 1900. In spite of a terrible snow storm which was raging on that day and he complaining of a headache all the morning, and contrary to his daughter's entreaty to stay in the house, he went up into the tower to ring the noon angelus. He tolled the bell three times. As no sound of the bell was heard after that and the faithful old man did not return to the house, Mr. LeClerc went up into the tower of the church and found him dead under the bell rope. Thus, without knowing it, he had begun the tolling of his own death-knell which a charitable man, Albert Goulet, Sr., finished for him shortly after. But although his call was sudden Mr. Lamy was not unprepared. He always had

lived an exemplary life and died the death of the just. He had been to confession and received Holy Communion two days before his death; he had made the stations of the cross the evening previous and had attended mass the very day he died. He was buried in Port Henry near his wife in the family lot. May he rest in peace.

The LeClerc family were not the only ones who helped the present pastor gratuitously; the singers, Joseph H. Brabant, John O. Thibault, Loretta Thibault, M. S. Dubois, Maggie Moran, Anna O'Toole, Frank Foley, Eddie O'Toole and Ray Pilon have always sung free of charge. The church was nearly always swept, dusted and cleaned by free and willing hands.

The altars were looked after and decorated by Mrs. Bridget Ann Fitzgerald. This lady with her family Mrs. Bridget, Mrs. Kate, Honora and Mary Delaney have done more gratuitous work for the church than any other family in the parish. They washed and ironed all the surplices, albs and altar linens, they made the altar breads and remoulded the candle stumps they kept the sanctuary and vestry room perfectly clean, and no church, nor cathedral can boast of a more orderly vestry room. May God reward them for their work of love and charity for our blessed Lord, and may the parishioners of St. Mary's church be ever grateful to them.

Finally, I must mention the names of two gentlemen who have worked incessantly, but always cheerfully in unison with the present pastor to liquidate the debt on the church. These are the present trustees of the

church, Joseph H. Brabant and M. C. Maher. To their efforts and constant support, the incumbent pastor owes a part of his success.

Never were they known to refuse him a favor, or not to comply with his wishes. Always at their post of duty they worked for the church with the greatest disinterestedness and self sacrifice. May God grant always, to St. Mary's church as good and devoted trustees as Messrs. J. H. Brabant and M. C. Maher and the pastor will be certain to have two staunch and faithful supporters.

After four years of mental, corporal and ministerial work, the author of this book had become quite exhausted. As he was returning home from a short rest, another providence met him between Montreal and Prescott in the person of Rev. J. E. Derome, of Cap-Sante, P. Q., who was en route for Dekalb Junction where he was going to visit a former class mate.

After exchanging a few words Fr. Derome discovered, that in my present state of weakness, I needed an assistant, and that I could not attend to my parish duties alone much longer. Although nothing was said then about the assistantship at Clayton, yet, a few days after, on my invitation, Fr. Derome came to Clayton and with bishop Gabriel's authorization and the consent of his own bishop, it was decided that the Rev. J. E. Derome would become the assistant at St. Mary's church. The people of Clayton know what assistance Fr. Derome has been to them and to the pastor. Always ready to serve both

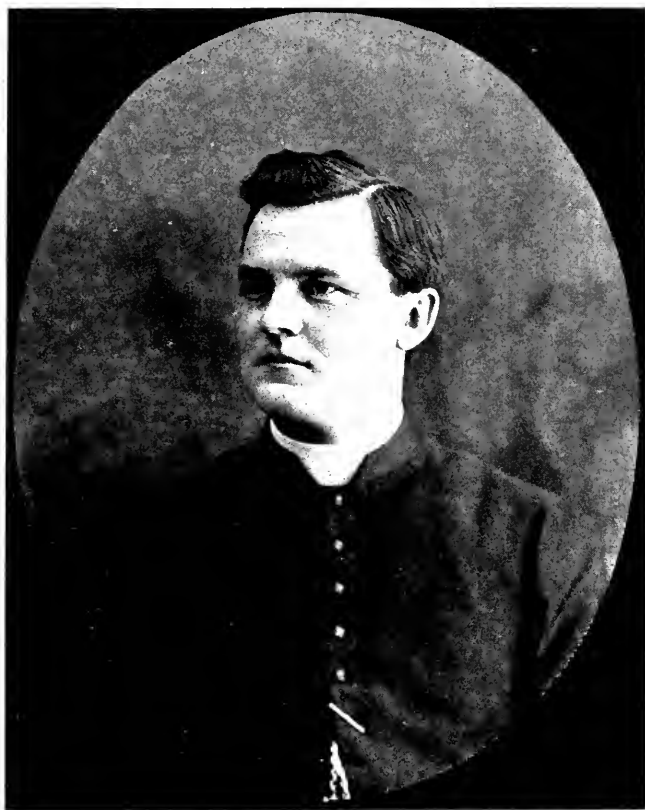
pastor and people in his capacity of priest, he has never failed to do his duty every where and at all times.

Naturally strong and talented he has organized and worked for three successful fairs and has been untiring in his devotion to the church, the pastor and the people. He came here without a very good command of the English language, but now, he writes it correctly and speaks it fluently. He was made pastor of Lafargeville, Theresa and Philadelphia May 1, 1902.

Fr. Derome is tall and stout, has gray eyes, dark hair and complexion, a pleasant mien, an even temper and most happy disposition. He greets everybody with a hearty laugh and makes all feel at home the moment he addresses them.

He is not gifted with a musical voice but he is a fair preacher and his matter is always solid and forcible. He has shown great talent for finance and the spiritual administration of a parish. He was at one time train dispatcher for the C P R, between Quebec and Montreal and this position which he filled with success for six years, put him in touch with the world and gave him a great knowledge of men and their weaknesses. This accounts for his boundless mercy and charity for poor sinners, who always find in him a merciful and forgiving father. This characteristic was soon detected in Clayton and as the number is great, that feel need of a merciful confessor, Fr. Derome's confessional drew many penitents.

No wonder then, that a man possessed of so many



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good qualities would become a favorite among the people of Clayton. May God speed him and grant him every success in his new field of labor. Following are the names of persons he baptized, married or buried.

1900			1901		
BAPTISMS.			BAPTISMS.		
	Date of Birth.	Date of Bapt.		Date of Birth.	Date of Bapt.
Purcell, Elsa Helena	Feb 5	Feb 12	Lalonde, Robert	Feb 4	Feb 6
Letarte, Lillie Mary	Mch 1	Mch 5	Downes, Mrs Anna	" 18	" 20
Jenkins, Geo Earl	Feb 28	" 8	Kanally, Mrs Mary	" 24	" 26
Bush, Carrie Eilz	Apr 9	May 14	Lepage, Angeline	May 11	May 13
Garney, Lawrence Ray-			Dnford, Eli	Dec 25	Dec 27
mond	" 4	" 15	Bertrand, Isabel	" 29	Jan 2 1900
McKinley, Eleanor Ruth			1900		
	Mch 15	" 28	BAPTISMS.		
Letarte, Otis Augustus	May 28	June 11	Dalbault, Wm Ju	Jan 1	Jan 7
Fitzgerald, Cath Gert-			Charlebois, Bertha		
rnde	July 16	Aug 13	Blanche	Feb 22	Feb 25
Gauthier, Leland Els-			Emond, Alura M Anna	Mch 19	Mch 25
worth	June 9	Sept 24	Fitzgerald, Nina Vir-		
Gauthier, Elmer Du-			ginie	" 14	May 6
force	Jan 16	" 24	Charlebois, Peter Stanis-	May 8	June 3
Thibault, Charlotte Hen-			laus		
riette	Sept 17	Oct 17	Dalbault, Joseph Law-		
Lalonde, Geo Alfred Roy	" 20	" 1	rence	" 24	" 3
Lefebvre, Florence	Oct 13	" 22	Jackson, Harold Jos	Sept 21	Oct 21
O'Brien, Dora Anna	" 2	" 29	Bass, Ernest Roy	" 3	" 21
Steier, Matilda Loretta	Nov 24	Nov 24	Stockwell, Jos Jonathan		
Fitzgerald, Sophia Marie	" 19	Dec 3	Dalbert	Oct '93	" 28
Moineau, Gerald Ber-			Carter, Dalbert Wm	May 26 '73	" 31
nard	Dec 21	" 24	Casselman, Wm Harold	Oct 28	Nov 1
			Turcot, Wm James	Aug 6	" 18
			Prime, Sadie Irene	Oct 7	" 18
			Cook, Edward	Nov 20	Dec 2
			Cantwell, Robert Ernest	Oct 16	" 18

MARRIAGES.

Gansier, Berth and Jennie Johnson Date. June 28
 Carter, Wm and Sophia Langevin Nov 7

MARRIAGES.

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DEATHS

Prime, Duane and Elz Throat	Oct 2	Lavery, John	Jan 5	Jan 7
By Rev L J Caisse of Champlain, N Y		Marshal, Carrie	Feb 1	Feb 3
Lalonde, Geo and Sophia Thibault	Jan 18	Horton, Ethel R	" 11	" 13
		Flynn, Thos O	Mch 18	Mch 20
		Charpentier, Edith	" 22	" 24
	Date of Death	Date of Burial		
		Hill, Mary Delia	May 17	May 19
Marshal, Mary Larose	Jan 26	Casselman, Wm Harold	Nov 1	Nov 3

Langlois, James	Oct 31	Oct 31	Lalonde, Alfred and Marg Shell	Oct 30
Lalonde, Emma	Dec 9	Dec 11	Denis, Ed Jr and Roda Elhora Caisse	
Downes, Frank	" 22	" 24		Nov 19

DEATHS

1901		Lafleur, Esther		Apr 6	Apr 8
BAPTISMS.		Lafleur, Charles		" 11	" 13
Rapplee, Marie Virginia		Longtin, Chas Ed		May 13	May 14
Eliz	Nov 17 1900	Jan 17	Steier, Jacob Joseph	July 7	July
Denis, Mabel Cecelia	Jan 22	Jan 27	Rathway, Albert	" 14	" 17
Hyde, John	Dec 16 1900	" 27	Jackson, Nellie	Aug 13	Aug 16
Delaney, Mirl	Nov 23 1900	" 31	Blondheim, Mrs Angeli-		
Cummings, Wm Clar-			que	Sept 6	Sept 8
ence	July 19 1900	Mch 2	Miller,	Nov 11	Nov 12
Pilon, Jos Gerald	Mch 5	" 10	Lefebvre, Moses	Dec 10	Dec 12
Charlebois, Gerald An-			Loveland, Earl	" 14	" 16
thony	" 28	Apr 11			
Lalonde, Alfred Leonard					

1902

BAPTISM

June 2		June 6	Charpentier, Raymond	
Kanally, James Geo	May 8	" 6	Leonard	Jan 14
Goulet, Ross Aloysius	July 10	July 14		Feb 2
Churco, Corine Agnes	" 17	" 28	Gauthier, Joseph Jason	" 3
Moineau, Clarence Au-			Lavary, Celia Adelaide	Mch 23
gustus	Aug 2	Aug 18	Bazinet, Bernard Ulric	Apr 24
Fitzgerald, Louise	" 18	Sept 1	Denis, Herbert Wm	" 25
Jenkins, Lucy Laurina	Oct 6	Oct 15		" 28
Picard, Laura Stella	" 6	" 27		
MARRIAGES.		MARRIAGES.		
Convrette, Fk Dewey	Sept 29	Nov 22	Sureau, Henry and Catharine Conlin	
Ferey, Marie Ellena	May 12 1900	Dec 22		Feb 10

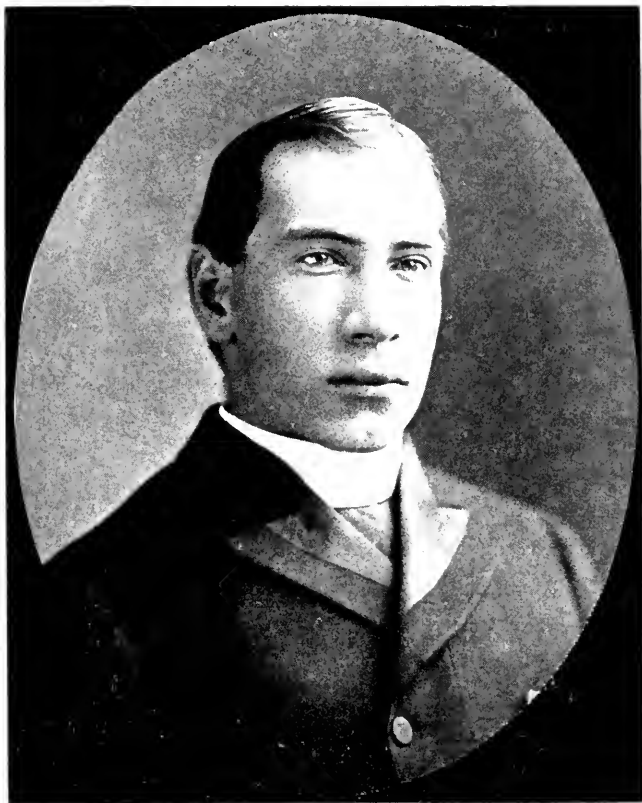
MARRIAGES.

DEATHS.

Bertrand Chas and Alice Johnson	Mch 19	Bush, Mary (Lacole)	Feb 17	Feb 20
Loveland, Geo W and Kate Charlebois		McCormick, Marguerite	" 18	" 20
	July 2	Longtin, Joseph	Apr 21	Apr 23
Thorpe, Wm H and Lucy Phillips		Nestor, Michael	" 26	" 24
	Sept 25	Flynn, Mary Ann	July 9	July 11

Rev. Fr. Hormisdas Mayer succeeded Fr. Derome as assistant of St. Mary's church. He came to this place June 28, 1902 and he is still curate here at this present writing.

Fr. Mayer was born in St. Hippolyte, Co. Terrebonne, P. Q., September 13, 1876. His parents, Hormisdas Mayer and Christine Limoge moved to Port Henry,



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N. Y., in 1879 and have resided there ever since. Fr. Mayer studied at the Port Henry high school up to the age of twelve, then went to the college of L'Assomption, P. Q., where he stayed for six years. From there he went to the Grand Seminaire of Montreal, where he read two years of philosophy and one year of theology.

The last two years of theology he studied in St. Bernard's seminary, Rochester, N. Y. He was ordained to the Priesthood by Rt. Rev. Bishop Gabriels June 15, 1902, in the cathedral at Ogdensburg.

Following are those he baptized, married and buried:

1902		Simard, Gordon Augustine			
			July 3	July 6	
BAPTISMS.		Lachance, Ida Emma	June 29	" 13	
		Bertrand, Merrill Ruth	" 24	" 26	
		Lalonde, Kanith, Paul			
		Westman	Aug 8	Aug 17	
Loveland, Geo	Sept 11 '94	June 29	Longtin, Robert Joseph	July 30	" 10
Loveland, Ernest	Oct 3 '92	" 29			
		MARRIAGES.			
Loveland, Glenn Anthony	Dec 5 '90	" 29	Mayer, Conrad and Hazel Green	Aug 13	
		DEATHS.			
Loveland, Violette Lucy	Nov 3 '87	" 29	Downes, Christopher	July 15	July 17

Ever since his arrival at Clayton the present pastor's one great desire has been the consecration of St. Mary's church, and thanks be to God and the intercession of the blessed Virgin and good St. Anthony this dream has been realized sooner than any one expected. Feb. 24, 1901, the statue of St. Anthony donated by our great benefactress Mrs. W. J. Burns, was blessed by Rev. Fr. J. E. Derome and the devotion of St. Anthony already

well known and ardently desired by the Clayton people, was established. Great favors have since been obtained through the intercession of the wonderworker. A pipe organ and a stained glass window were asked of St. Anthony and they were obtained within four months after the favor was asked. In July 1901, a written request signed by the pastor and assistant was placed in St. Anthony's request box. It read thus: O good St Anthony, if you obtain from the little Jesus whom you held in your arms during your life, that the indebtedness on St. Mary's church, Clayton, N. Y., be paid before the first of January 1902, we promise to each say three masses of thanksgiving, to propogate your devotion, and to help the poor as much as our means will permit us. Signed P. S. Garand, J. F. Derome.

This request was likewise granted, as before the first of January enough money had been signed to liquidate the whole indebtedness on St. Mary's church. No subscription was ever signed with more good will, generosity and even enthusiasm than the following, owing, I believe to the prayers of good St. Anthony.

Following are the names of those who subscribed the final subscription list, which liquidated the whole indebtedness on St. Mary's church and made it possible to have it consecrated August 21, 1902.

\$500.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
Burns Mrs W J	Bazinet, John B	Thibault, Geo E
		O'Leary, John
\$200.00	\$75.00	Brabant, Jos H
Garand, Rev P S	Foley, John	McKinley, Geo H
A friend		Fitzgerald, William

Fitzgerald, Michael
 Casselman, James
 Emery, C G
 Dowdall, Hellen
 Dubois, Henry

\$40.00

Belleville, Joseph

\$35.00

Delaney, James

\$30.00

Maher, M C

Bertrand, N B

Duford, Joseph

Lefavre, F H

Barker, A F

\$25.00

Derome, Rev J E

Duford, Michael

Fitzgerald, Peter J

Charlebois, Eli Sr

Hayes, John W

Leclerc, Victor

Manson, Alex

Duford, Ralph

Thibault, Joseph Sr

Duford, Mrs Anna

Denis, Leander Sr

McKinley, Frank P

Pilon, Stephen Sr

Bailey, Peter

White, William

Malette, Frank jr

Fitzgerald, M J

Johnston, Mrs J H

Charlebois Edward

Dwyer, James

Dunfee, Mrs John

Grant, R P

\$20.00

Pilon, Stephen jr

Bertrand, John

Farrell, Dan

Farrell, Barney

Bertrand, Oliver

Lepage, Edward and

Henry

Pilon, Will H

Thorpe, W H

Morgan, Hewitt

Hagen, John W

Thibault, John O

Lefavre, A J

Bazinet, Joseph

Farrell, Will

Boganchitz, Jacob

Brabant, Aug F

Churco, Joseph and fami-
 ly

Delaney, Mrs Bridget

\$15.00

Duford, Fred

Bouchard, John

McKinley, Michael

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Lalonde, Geo Sr

O'Brien, Kennedy

Duford, Frank

Denis, Edward

Baker sisters

Delaney, Marcus

Emond, Louis

Jackson, Ward

Rogers, Frank D

Fitzgerald, John Duferno

\$10.00

Flynn, Thos E

Miller, Geo H

Delaney, Wm W

Fitzgerald, Eugene

McKinley, M C

Hungerford & Grant

Ellis, Chas A

Johnson, S H

Sureau, Mrs Henry

Charlebois, Eli jr

Laguerre, Stephen

A friend

Toussan, Lawrence

Hyde, David

Flynn, George

Fitzgerald, Martha

Riley, Thos E

Laflaur, Jerome

Pilon, Frank

Charpentier, Charles

Grant, Wm

Murray, Patrick

Lalonde, George jr

O'Toole, Mrs Sarah

Steier, Martin

Denis, Sam Sr

Thibault, G Anthony

Garney, F B

Pilon, Will

Lowe, F D

Wood, Mrs Nathalie

Stapleton, Bridget

Steier, Jacob

Farrell, Eugene

Johnson, Mrs Margarite

Johnson, Joseph

Picard, Joseph

Desrosiers, Alex

Loveland, Mrs Geo

A friend

McCombs, J Will

Fitzgerald, Mrs B Ann

Pennock, Edward J

Early, Minnie

Duford, Mrs Nelson and
 Mary

Kelly, James

Charpentier, Nelson

Moran, Frank

Charpentier, Will

A friend

Bertrand, Charles I,

Lachance, Oliver

McCarthy, George

Belleville, Charles

Charlebois, Alphonzo

Gillette, Mrs Sarah

Cummings, F K

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Johnson, Joseph

Johnson, Duncan

Denis, Henry

Belleville, Anthony

Russell, Eugene

Quesnel, Louis
 Denis, Mrs Will
 Delaney, Will D
 McKay, Mrs Wm
 Cuntwell, Mrs Michael
 Hagen, James
 Griffin, Frank
 Sureau, Charles
 Lachance, Henry
 Foley, Frank
 Levy Brothers
 Dewey, H B
 Dwyer, John
 Lepage, Napoleon
 Johnson, John R
 Picard, Duncan
 Murphy, Cornelius
 Monteith, Will
 Langevin, John
 Brabant, Amos L
 Riley, Paul
 Delaney, Honoralh
 Delaney, Mary
 Russell, Joseph
 Lalonde, Amos
 Longtin, Henry
 Flood, John
 Letarte, Michael
 Riley, R J
 Hesler, Charles
 Hesler, Mrs Charles
 Purcell, Thomas
 Gauthier, Moses
 Turgeon, Joseph
 Collin, Augustus
 Dunford, Edward
 Rhodrigue, Eli
 Marshal, Mrs Lewis
 Marshal, Lorenzo
 Marshal, James
 Purcell, John
 Gailcock, Jay
 Bazinet, John P
 Rattray, Mrs Geo
 Thibault, Mrs Ben
 Bertrand, Edward
 Purcell, Geo

Riley, Edward J
 McKinley, John P
 Veraneau, Joseph
 Denis, George A
 Lepage, Joseph
 Longtin, Joseph
 Fitzgerald, Will H
 Marshal, Don and Henry
 Carter, D W
 Early, Agnes
 Pilon, Ray
 Denis, Leander jr
 Denis, Mrs Leander jr
 Charpentier, Benjamin
 Malette, Frank Sr
 Malette, Mrs Frank Sr
 Marshal, Mrs W R
 Marshal, Archie
 Murray, Thomas
 Murray, Charles
 Laguerre, Joseph
 Charpentier, Frank
 Dwyer, Dan
 Jackson, Benjamin
 McKinley, Harry
 Charpentier, Mrs Sam
 Cook, Mrs Charles
 Gauthier, James
 Thibault, Henry
 Lepage, John Sr
 Belanger, Mrs Sarah
 Pilon, Edward
 Longtin, Napoleon
 Emond, Leander Sr
 Conolly, Patrick
 Cain, C J
 Fluckiger, Joseph
 Purcell, Mrs Catharine
 Turgeon, Mrs Mary
 Jégoux, Anthony
 Desrosiers, Will
 Picard, Charles
 Purcell, Will J
 Mulcahey, Mrs Michael
 Turgeon, Will
 Murphy, Helen
 Flynn, Mrs Thos O

Russell, Peter J
 Picard, Will
 Dowling, Wm
 Lachance, Henry
 Longtin, John
 Smith, Fred
 Goulet, Albert Sr
 Langevin, Joseph
 Longtin, Nelson
 Moineau, Edward
 Simard, Charles Sr
 Denis, Sam jr
 Tasse, V V
 Francis, Mrs Alphonzo
 Flood, John
 Collin, F X
 Daibault, Baptiste
 Lanthier, Fred
 Purcell, Raymond
 Denis, Joseph D
 Lepage, John jr
 Fitzgerald, Bernard
 Johnson, Edward jr
 Emond, George
 Barrett, Josie
 Burlingame, E A
 \$4.00
 Lachance, Joseph
 \$3.00
 Ball, John
 Fitzgerald, Mrs Sarah
 Lavary, Fk jr
 Charpentier, Bea jr
 McCann, Cecelia
 Charon, May and Fred
 Lalonde, Mrs Michael
 Emond, Joseph
 Emond, Josephine
 Sureau, Fred
 Lalonde, Michael
 Johnson, Edward sr and
 Emma
 Grant, R D
 Bass, Cyrus
 Letarte, Peter
 Denis, Albert

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 Lalonde, Fred
 Goulet, Amelia
 Goulet, Katie
 Thibault, Mrs Sophia
 Burdick, Ira
 Rhodrigue, Clara and
 Sophia

\$2.00
 Hambly, Harry
 Jegoux, Edward
 Desrosiers, Charles
 Longtin, Mabel
 Laporte, Lillie
 Lepage, Josie
 Moineau, Mr and Mrs
 John
 Charlebois, Anthony
 Daillbault, Mrs Martin
 Lapage, Francis
 Emond, Leander jr
 Levesque, Alex
 Bush, John
 Barrett, Cora
 Charon, Joseph
 Belanger, Fred
 Levesque, Charles

Gauthier, Moses jr
 Levesque, Napoleon
 Emond, Emma
 Pierce, Ross
 Marshal, Albert
 Larpentigny, Loretta
 Denis, Valetta
 Denis, Ralph
 Marshal, Hiram
 Robbins, John
 Riley, Aletha
 Kanaley, P G
 Dubois, Mary Stella
 Letarte, Angie
 Charpentier, Nellie
 Richard, Joseph
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 Knapp, Mrs John
 \$1.00
 Calkins, Rev
 Pierce, Charles
 Simard, Andrew
 Guarnsey, Frank
 Guarnsey, John
 Denis, Ed jr
 Belanger, Hermin
 Harry Gordon

Lepage, Mrs John
 Garnsey, Edward
 Hess, Samuel
 Plummer, Robert
 Potter, A C
 Burgess, George
 Marshal, Fred
 Hutchinson, Charles
 Sturdivant, Wm H
 Riley, Blanche
 Leroux, William
 Leroux, Frank
 Leroux, Mrs Delia
 Delmars, Mrs Peter
 Jegoux, Anna
 Simard, August
 Levesque, Leo
 Nareau, Malvina
 Nareau, Mrs Charles
 Potter, Mrs O L

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 Sturdivant, S
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The author of this short history was born in Perry's Mills, N. Y., in the parish of St. Mary Champlain, N. Y., May 18, 1865. His parents' names were Francis Xavier Garand and Rose de Lima Pare, both natives of Canada.

From the age of five years, he attended the elementary public school at Perry's Mills. He made his first communion at the age of ten and was confirmed the same year. When twelve years old he attended the Catholic school at Champlain for one year, then follow-

ed the courses of the Grammar school and academy of Champlain. From Champlain he went to Montreal and studied three years in the Normal school Jacques Cartier. Thence, he went to the Petit Siminaire Ste. Marie de Monnoir, Marieville, P. Q., where he studied the classics. Finally, he read his philosophy and theology at St. Joseph's seminary Troy, N. Y., where he was ordained by Bishop E. P. Madhams of Ogdensburg, June 24th, 1899.

Immediately after his ordination, he was sent to the Irish church at Malone to be "locum tenens" for Rev. Fr. Rossiter, who was on the sick list and had gone away for a well deserved rest. After spending six agreeable weeks in Malone, he was appointed pastor of Crown Point, Hammondville, Schroon Lake, North Hudson, the Branch, Boreas River and Stillwater, in the Adirondacks, including all the lumber camps of that section.

In June, 1891, being ill and care worn he took a leave of absence and went to Europe where he spent six months visiting England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. He was pastor of Crown Point five years and a half, then he went to Champlain, his native town, to replace Rev. F. X. Chagnon who had planned to go to Brazil to establish there a Canadian colony.

As this plan was not realized he was asked by Right Rev. Bishop Gabriels after a sojourn of three months in Champlain, to go back to Crown Point for a few months

until there should be a good vacancy in the diocese.

Six months more were spent in Crown Point, viz., from September 1894, to March 21, 1895, when he took charge of this parish. When he arrived here, he went to live in Mrs. Lucy Thompson's house which had been leased by Fr. Brice, in June 1893, for five years. He lived there until the lease expired and one year and a half longer. Then, as Mrs. L. Thompson took possession of her house, he was forced to repair the old rectory in the fall of 1899, moved into it, and has occupied it ever since.

The present pastor is thirty-seven years old. Following are those whom he baptized, married and buried :

1895 BAPTISMS.				Marshall, James Henry	June 16	Sept 22
				Goulet, Hazel Agnes	Aug 2	Aug 12
	Date of	Date of		Bush, Joseph	" 8	" 22
	Death	Burial		O'Brien, Mary Francis	" 26	Sept 22
McKinley, Marie Rose	Feb 14	Mich 24		Emery, Harrison James	Nov 25	'92 Oct 6
Charpentier, Julie Mary	Mich 4	" 31		Fitzgerald, Claude	" Sept 23	" 13
Hand, Lottie Marie	Dec 17 '94	" 31		Emond, Gordon Bernard	Nov 1	Nov 3
Simard, Clarence Ed	Nov 13 '94	Apr 7		Percy, Oscar Elmer	Aug 24	'94 " 3
Bass, Claude, Eugene	" 26 '94	" 28		Percy, Sydney Raymond	Jan 3	'92 " 3
Cantwell, Wm	June 25	May 5		Graves, Sophia Stella	Oct 20	" 10
Dailbault, Mary Lillie	May 3	" 12		Levesque, Lulie Marie	Nov 10	" 17
Letarte, Lucy Ina	" 10	" 12		Churco, Mary Minnie	" 17	" 29
Pierce, Hellen	Nov 23 '86	" 12		Couvrette, Sam Ed	" 17	" 24
Pierce, Mary	July 18 '83	" 12		Emery, Loretta Cath	" 20	Dec 1
Danielson, Francis	Jan 27	" 13		Murray, Francis Loretta	" 28	" 1
Pierce, Martin Sylvester	Mich 3 '95	" 19		Sureau, Gerald Adolphus	Dec 10	" 22
Pierce, Chas Ross	Nov 22 '83	" 19		Turcot, Mary Elmira	Apr 8	'93 " 25
Pierce, Geo	May 31 '87	" 19				
Emery, Ethel Marie	Oct 11 '94	" 21				
Delancy, Mary Marg	May 13	June 1				
McKinley, Arthur Jos						
Hilliad	" 26	" 9		Laurent, Toussaint and Helen Duford		
Lalonde, Mary Lena	June 22	" 30		Dailbault, Jos and Rosa Rochon	May 13	
Mattis, Earl John	Apr 3	July 21		Charpentier, Wm and Hellen Lalonde	" 20	
Purcell, Franklin Henry	July 21	Aug 1				
Bertrand, Agnes Louise	" 20	" 4		Vincent, Berth and Marv Mercier	June 12	

MARRIAGES.

Date

Bertrand, Benj Aug and Nellie Laguerre	June 2	Belleville, Christine Helen	Feb 25	Feb 28
Picard, Wm and Laura McKay	" 22	Neill Cath Mirtle	" 27	Mar 7
Denis, Ed jr and Flora Mary Poupart	July 13	Letarte, Laurine Pauline	Mar 7	" 14
Lepage, John jr and Clara Quesnel	Sept 21	Charlebois, Marg Alta	" 11	" 14
Garnsey, F B and Jennie Manson	Oct 28	Blanchard, Ruth Deline		Apr 6
Lavary, Frank and Josephine Langevin	Nov 2	Bertrand, Lulie Marg	Mar 9	Mar 17
Farrell, Bernard and Alice Kanally	" 10	Churco, Marie Florilda	" 18	" 21
Thibault, Geo A and Sophia Brabant	Nov 25	Marshal, Dan Livingston	" 20	Apr 11
Swanton, Geo and Julia Grapotte	" 19	Couvrette, Harold Henry	Apr 16	" 25
		Steier, Mary Hellen	May 2	May 6
		Lefebvre, Fred Hayes	" 31	June 6
		Lefebvre, Mary Hilda	" 31	" 6
		Carter, Buella Eliz	Apr 7	" 13
		Charpentier, Chas Henry	June 20	" 27

DEATHS.

Brennan, Marg Ellen			Fitzgerald, Clare Peter	" 27	July 18
Marshal, Chas H	Feb 22	Feb 23	Lepage, Alzona Louise	July 16	" 18
Larpentigny, Xavier			Brabant, Geo Anacletus	" 13	" 18
Gauthier, Anthony			Duford, Mary Rose	" 21	" 25
Brabant, Leander			Mulcahey, Paul Austin	June 20	" 25
Bertrand, Hellen Amelia			Thibault, Agnes Laurina	July 24	Aug 1
Sureau, Louisa			Houss, Geo	" 3	" 3
Vincent, Wilfred	Aug 19	Aug 21	Picard, August Stanton	" 10	" 22
Laguerre, Wm Anthony	" "	" "	Longtin, Viva Geneva	Aug 16	" 29
Mercier,	Oct		Turcot, Augustus	Dec 12 '96	Sept 12
Emond, Mary Charpen-			McKinley, Eva Monica	Aug 6	" 12
tier		Aug 23	Garnsey, Gertrude Marion	" 16	" 19
Moineau, Geo Ed	Oct 19	Oct 21	Marshal, Mary Stella	" 30	" 30
Moineau, Mira	" 19	" 21	Duford, Ruth Mary	Sept 3	Oct 3
Bush, John	Dec 10	Dec 13	Consaul, Leona Bell	" 3	" 3
Bush, Fred	" 10	" 13	Flynn, Geo Jerome	Oct 30	Nov 1
			Denis, Mary Zella	Nov 3	" 7
			Denis, Cath Zina	" 3	" 7
			Marshal, Mary Cora	1874	" 14
			Delaney, " Josephine	Sept 30	" 28
			Lavary, Roy Marcus	Nov 24	" "
			Sylvester	Nov 24	" "

BAPTISMS.

	Date of Birth	Date of Bapt.			
Denis, Agnes Lilie	Feb 9	Feb 14	Moineau, Mabel Theresa	Dec 15	Dec 26
Murphy, Ervin Wm	Dec 29 '96	Jan 1	By Rev Z. Peloquin M S C. of Watertown		
Whitney, Mary Susa	June 28 '93	" 3	Moineau, Myron Geo	Jan 12	Jan 24
Letarte, Rosada Ione			Duford, Cath Alma	" 6	" "
Bell Mary	Feb 17	Feb 20	Smith, Fred	Aug 22 '72	" "
Dubois, Philomine Allura	" 27	" 28	By Rev C Mahony M S C of Watertown		
Bertrand, Eliz Viva	" 9	" 28	Lachance, Ed Oliver	Dec 4 '97	Dec 12
			Lalonde, Etha Cath	Nov 23	" 12

MARRIAGES.

smith, Fred and Julia Lepage	Feb 3	Lalonde, Carl Henry	April 20	May 1
Foley, Jos H and Hellen Thibault	" 23	Denis, Florence Mary	" 21	" 8
Pilon, Fk and Minnie Thibault	" 24	McKinley, " "	" 27	" 15
Farrell, Eugene and Georgiana Bouchard	Jan 4	Bertrand, Nap Harold	May 15	" 15
McCarthy Geo and Anna H Flynn	June 14	Graves, Geo Leander	" 10	" 20
Delaney, Will L and Mary Kanally	Nov 22	Thibault, Ann Pauline	" 27	" 20
Farrell, Will Jas. and Cora	May Marshal	Lawrence, Mary Gertrude	" 30	June 5
By Rev M Charbonneau of Rouses Point	" 23	Denis, Jennie Emma	June 10	" 12
Benton, Hallis and Mary Pilon	Jan 12	Charpentier, Almira Helena	" 10	" 10
		Barend, Leo Denis	" 21	July 3
		Moran, Anna Eliz Marie	July 4	" 10
		Steier, Eva Sophia	" 6	" 10

DEATHS

Fitzgerald, Helen C		Numm, Ulysse Lilia Marg	Nov 9 '97	" 28
Fitzgerald, Carmin	Jan 24	Bazinot, Theresa Bernadette	Aug 6	Aug 7
Hesler, Marg	" 25	Charpentier, Agnes Florence	" 3	" 14
Simard, Oscar Aug	Feb 22	Lafleur, Margera Matilda	June 1	" 17
McKinley, Mary	Mch 20	Neil, Mary Elina	Aug 14	" 28
Charron, Agatha	Apr 26	Cantwell, Ella Barry	June 25	Sept 4
Fitzgerald, Patrick	June 3	McKinley, Leo John	Aug 28	" 2
Purcell Michael	" 22	Farrell, marshal Edgar	Sept 18	Oct 2
Brault, Lottie	" 15	Bass, Florence Louise	" 22	" 16
Collins, Maggie	July 20	Picard, Claud Richard	Oct 2	" 23
Duford, Nelson	Aug 5	Farrell, Mary Gertrude	" 18	Nov 6
Thomas, Lawrence	" 8	McCarthy, Joseph Lowell	May 18	" 11
Hyde, Mich	" 26	Duford, Francis Henry	Nov 6	" 13
Fitzgerald, Mick	" 24	Daillault, Florence	" 11	" 20
Laporte, Corine	Oct 5	Graham Thos John	July 31	Dec 4
Delmars, Peter	Dec 3	Vincent Gardner Estis Jos	Dec 13	" 18
Purcell, Franklin Henry		Delaney, marg Marie	" 9	" 18
Lachance, Joseph	" 28			

1898

BAPTISMS.

Bertrand, Chas Louis	Dec 29 '70	Jan 17		
Goulet, Marie Christine	" 25 '97	" 27		
Hagen, Marg Ann	Jan 13	Feb 6		
Fitzgerald, Robert Ernest	Feb 21	Mch 6		
Levesque, Henry Ambrose	Mch 11	" 20		
Bedard, Mary Bulla Fay	" 9	" 27		
Robbins, Effie Marg	Aug 25 '75	Apr 3		
Mattis, Ethel Marg	Sept 3 '97	" 4		
Marshal, Mary Ellen	Apr 14	" 17		

MARRIAGES.

Jackson, Jos Ward and Kate Fitzgerald	Jan 4
Bertrand, Chas Louis and Isabel Fitzgerald	Jan 10
Fluckiger, Joseph and Effie Robbins	Apr 4
Kellett, Thos P and Ida J Kanally	Aug 17
Fitzgerald, Fred and Louise Lachance	Nov 21

		Date of Death	Date of Burial	MARRIAGES.			
DEATHS				Casselmann, Wm J and lock	Marg Hattie Gar-		
Duford, Anna Laura	Feb 15	Feb 17	Longtin, John and Theresa Denis			Sept 18	" 26
Dwyer, James	Mch 2	Mch 4	Pennock, Wm H and Cath McMahon				
McDougall, Mick	Apr 1	Apr 3				Sept 30	
Duford, Rose	Aug 18	Aug 20	Hawes, Fk J and Mammie Barrett			Oct 12	
Langlois, Oliver was buried at sea	" 14	" 14	Kellett, Jn F and Mabel Edith Swayne			Nov 29	
Bertrand, Geneva	" 22	" 24	McKinley, Jn L and Mary Leroux			Dec 3	
Emond, Louis	Sept 9	Sept 11	DEATHS.				
Larpentigny, Fk	" 18	" 20	Carter, Buella Eliz		Jan		
McKinley, Leo	Nov 2	Nov 3	Marshal, Mary Stella	Feb 17	Feb 18		
Dubois, Philomena Alura	" 18	" 19	Hyde, Michael	Mch 3	Mch 4		
Manson, Eliz	Dec 4	Dec 6	Dailbault, Eva Florence	" 25	" 26		
McKinley, Cath	" 25	" 27	Fitzgerald, John E	Apr 27	Apr 29		
1894			Lepage, Israel	May 22	May 24		
BAPTISMS.		Date of Birth	Date of Bapt.	Duford, Eva	June 8	June 10	
				Fitzgerald, Honora	" 13	" 15	
Caisy, Lawrence	Mch 12	Apr 26	Purcell, Hellen Elsa	Aug 19	Aug 20		
Dubois, Ernest Bennett	Apr 23	" 30	Charlebois, Grace	Oct 29	" 31		
Delaney, Francis Isabel	Mch 1	May 7	Thibault, Rachael	Nov 20	Nov 22		
Mattis, Howard Sylves- ter	Nov 1 '98	June 11	McKinley, Mary	" 28	" 30		
			Knight, Wm	Dec 25	Dec 27		
1900			BAPTISMS.				
Charlebois, James						Date of Death	Date of Burial
Walter Brice	June 13	" 18	Barrett, Jn Erastus	Jan 3	Feb 1		
Pilon, Mary Almina	" 17	" 25	Neil, Anastasia	Apr 17	Apr 29		
Farrell, Rena Constance			Longtin, Chas Ed	June 6	June 17		
Esther	Mch 21	July 20	Simard, Jn Wm	" 13	" 17		
Cummings, Mary Lilie	May 17	Aug 6	Pennock, Alice Maud	" 3	" 17		
Desrosiers, Mark Alex	Aug 10	" 27	Iron, Mira Mary	Aug 22 '86	" 24		
Picard, Wm Charles	" 8	" 31	Paquette, Levi	Nov 22 '84	July 1		
Garlock, Marg Hattie	Apr 12 '73	" 17	Lavary, Levi	June 24	" 1		
Prime, Duane	June 29 '81	Sept 12	McKinley, Mira Mary	" 10	" 1		
Mulcahey, Edward	July 24	" 24	Flynn, Mary Rose	July 8	" 15		
Barend, Bernard Harold	Sept 20		Carriere, Addie Mary R	Feb 18 '94	" 15		
Boganchitz, Oliver							
Christinus	Oct 7	Oct 15	Carriere, Clara Elmira				
By Rev L J Caisse of Champlain N Y							
Thibault, Harold Anth- ony	Dec 27 '98	Jan 8	Bazinot, Josesh Harold	July 20	" 22		
By Rev J G D Cote of Champlain N Y			Leroux, Anna Ina	Dec 14 '99	" 29		
Lalonde, Joseph Clar- ence	Sept 3	Sept 10	Saucisse, Anna Eliz	Feb 28 '71	Aug 2		
			Thibault, Mertin Augus.	Aug 11	Aug 12		

Leroux, Rosalie				Charpentier, Jos Gabriel	June 29	July 14
Mabel	July 28 '93	Sept 2		Dubois, John Anthony	July 11	" 14
Leroux, Amelia Carie	Sept 10 '90	" 2		Bertrand, Lena Cecelia	May 3	" 30
Leroux, Clarence				Bertrand, Harold		
Stephen	Feb 5 '91	" 2		Oliver	June 20 '99	" 30
Leroux, Theresa Clate	Mch 28 '08	" 2		Cummings, Monica	1899	Sept 29
Gerbert, Wm	May 16 '96	" 20		Moineau, Charleton Leo		
Leclerc, Phileas Eugene Lamy	Oct 3	Oct 7		Fred	Sept 15	Sept 29

MARRIAGES.

	Date.			Loveland, Augustus	Feb 23 '99	Nov 15
Beaulieu, Anthony and Mary Delia Nar-				Loveland, Planie Cath	Dec 19 '97	Nov 15
aault	Oct 24			Loveland, Ida May	Feb 20 '95	" 15
Garlock, Jay and Elsa Fitzgerald	Nov 29			Loveland, Earl Joseph	" 11 '83	" 15
				Hess, Ida Mary	Nov 28 '82	" 24

DEATHS

Conlon, James	Jan 22	Jan 26		Jos	Nov 28 '91	Dec 7
Lamy, J B	Mch 17	Mch 21				
Letarte, Otis Augustus	Apr 2	Apr 4				
Roselle, Geo	" 7	" 9				
Dubois, Ernest Bennett	May 25	May 27				
Charpentier, Joseph	" 27	" 28				
Collin, Hellen	July 17	July 20				
Bearman, Marg	Aug 14	Aug 17				
Davis, Liza	" 16	" 17				
Simard, Marg	Dec 17	Dec 19				

MARRIAGES.

Pilon, Stephen and Addie Brabant		
	Jan 16	
Curtis, Chas and Mabel Sales	Feb 28	
Kanally, Geo and Maud Johnson	" "	
Bazinet, Joseph and Hellen Brabant	" 6	
Mallette, Fk and Amelie Jegoux	Oct 21	
Byrne, Henry and Addie Mary Hess		
	Nov 26	
McKinley, Jn Harry and Leona Laguerre		
	Dec 13	

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BAPTISMS.

Jones, Thomas	Nov 20 '84	Mch 3
Charlebois, Edna Eliz	Mch 15	" 17
Hagen, Herbert Gabriel		
	Dec 27 '99	" 24
Lalonde, Mary Duval	Mch 17	" 24
Thibault, Rachel Doro-		
thee	" 19	" 24
Leroux, Lena Mary	Mch 23	Mch 31
Longtin, Constance		
Madonna	Apr 28	May 5
Graves, Edna Cora	" 19	" 12
Garlock, Jay Anthony	Nov 15 '79	June 7
Ayerst James	Apr 7 '77	" 9
Levesque, Hilda Irene	June 17	" 15
Letarte, Mary Honorine	" 9	" 16
Buskirk, Emmet Geo	Oct 23 '75	" 21
Emond, Marie Esther		
Camilla	June 17	" 23

DEATHS.

Laguerre, Joseph	Feb 2	Feb 5
Bertrand, Anthony	" 11	" 13
Gauthier, Elmer	" 16	" 18
Gooley, Mary	" 17	" 20
Daniel, Cath	" 27	Mch 1
Fitzgerald, Louise	" 26	" 1
Dwyer, Eliza	Apr 27	Apr 30
Fitzgerald, Mick (B C)	May 2	May 6
Casselman, Hattie	" 21	" 23
Moineau, Claud	Aug 29	Aug 31
Bazinet, Geneva	July 19	July 21
Gooley, Malachy	Sept 6	Sept 8
Fitzgerald, Barrington	Dec 19	Dec 23

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BAPTISMS.

Guarnsey, Francis		
Roland	Nov 24	Jan 26

Mosher, Lucie Marie	Jan 1898	Feb 8	Ball, Will and Loretta Desrosiers	Jan 29
Longtin, Hellen Matilda	Feb 27	Mch 9	Nanning, Leonard and Claressie Lalonde	
Lalonde, Veda Maud	" 7	" 9		April 8
Moran, Kathalene Bernadette	Mch 11	" 16	Brabant, Amos and Loretta Thibault	June 4
Dailbault, Arthur Abraham	Apr 18	May 4	DEATHS.	
Leroux, Oscar Merrill	" 14	" 17	Bazinet, Philomene	Feb 5 Feb 7
Beaulieu, Anna May	May 30	June 1	Bush, Helen	" 9 " 9
Kanaley, Ruth Marie	" 2	" 8	Bouchard, Grover Fred	Mch 12 Mch 15
Fitzgerald, Maurice Gerald	" 8	" 8	Lalonde, Almeda	Apr 17 Apr 19
Jackson, Stanley Anthony	Apr 23	" 15	O'Leary, Joanna	May 12 May 13
Neill, Mary Corine	June 17	" 25	Infant Mulcahey	" 19 " 21
Lefebvre, Lucy Francis	Aug 12	Aug 17	Neill, Amelia	June 23 June 25
MARRIAGES.			Martin, Henrico	July 9 July 11
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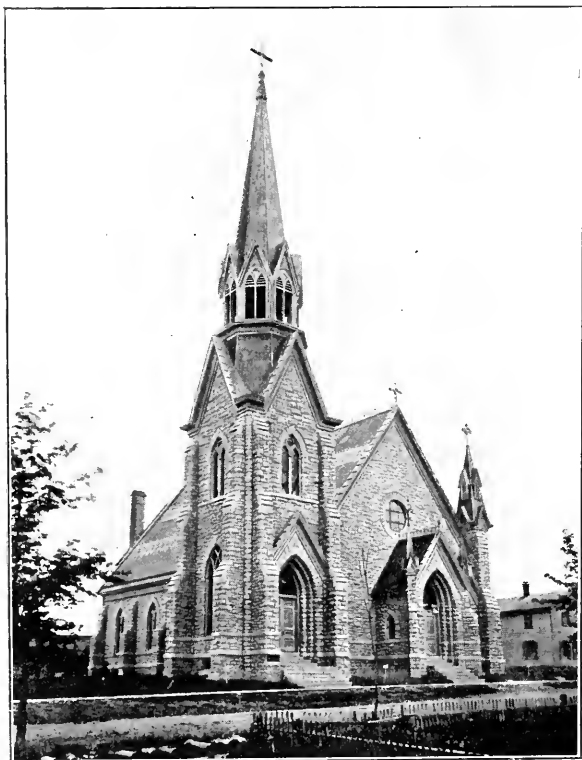
CHAPTER XVI.

Consecration of St. Mary's church. List of Bishops and Priests present

The long chain of successes, blessings and unprecedented favors of pastor and parishoners of St. Mary's church Clayton, N. Y., had not yet reached its climax. There was still one link wanting and that was the consecration of their beautiful church, which they looked to as the crowning of their efforts, sacrifices and triumphs. This ceremony one of the longest and grandest of the Catholic church, took place August 21,

1902, during the octave of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary, the patronal feast of this church. The Consecrating Bishop Right Rev. Henry Gabriels, the priests and people of the parish prepared for this great solemnity by fasting on the previous day. In the afternoon and evening of that day, the priests began to arrive from all parts of Canada and the United States. The Right Reverend Bishops and other church dignitaries were accorded a shelter in the rectory, whilst the other clergy were given over to the Knights of Columbus who lodged them in the different Catholic houses. Not long after his arrival, Rt. Rev. Bishop Gabriels prepared the nine relics to be enclosed in the altars putting them into three fitting cases. In each case or reliquary he placed a piece of the bones of three saints martyrs together with three grains of incense and a small strip of parchment bearing the following inscription for the main altar :

A. D. MDCCCCH on the 21st day of the month of August, I Henry Gabriels, Bishop of Ogdensburg, have consecrated this church and main altar and enclosed therein the relics of the holy martyrs, saints Vitale, Illumine and Theodule and have granted to all the faithful of Christ, on this day, one year of true indulgence and on the anniversary of this consecration, to them that shall visit it, forty days, in the usual form of the church. The inscriptions enclosed in the side altars are similar to that of the main altar, except that for the blessed Virgin's altar the bishop's name is Joseph



NEW ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Started in 1885 and completed in 1889.

Thomas Duhamel. Arch-bishop of Ottawa, P. Q., and the saints names are : St. Salvatus, St. Digna and St. Candide. For St. Joseph's altar the bishop's name is Patrick A. Sudden ; and the saints names are St. Alexis, St. Enlalie and St. Caste. Each case was carefully sealed by the consecrating bishop and placed on an ornamented bier under a tent prepared for that purpose between the church and the rectory. Candles were lighted beside these relics and a vigil was held by J. B. Bazinet and Charles Hesler.

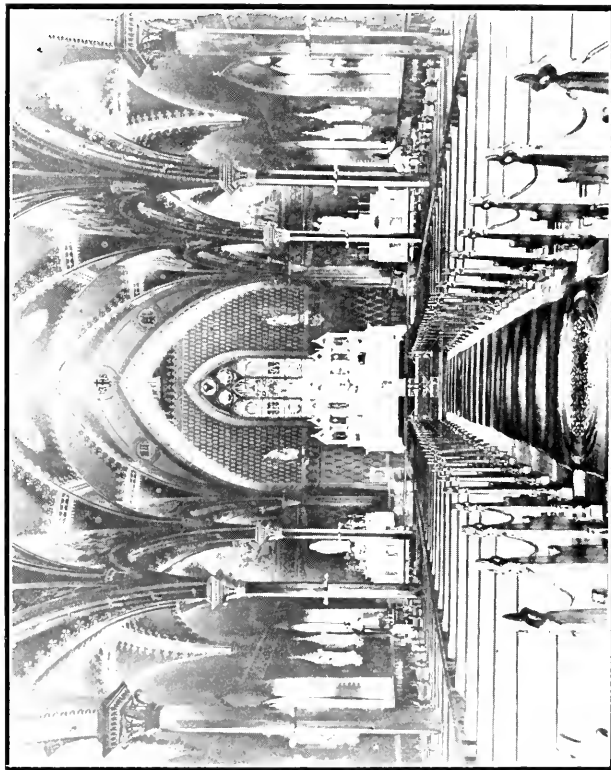
At seven-thirty in the evening, the bishops, the priests and about five hundred people were given a search light excursion among the Thousand Islands. The night was an ideal one and this fairy tour was greatly enjoyed by the visitors. After this refreshing evening spent on the river, each one retired to the lodging assigned to him.

The next morning, Rt. Rev. Bishop Gabriels said mass at 7 o'clock and distributed Holy Communion to all those who were to be confirmed in the evening. The ceremony of the consecration began at 8 o'clock and lasted three hours. Crowds began to gather in and about the church at an early hour and hundreds were present when the bishops and priests marched out to consecrate the church. At this moment, the church doors were closed leaving inside only a deacon vested in amice, alb, cincture and a white stole.

The Bishop, with the clergy and people proceeded first to the tent under which the relics were placed the

evening before. After reciting the seven Penitential Psalms before the relics, the Bishop with his attendants walked to the front door of the church and began to consecrate the outside walls. A three-fold sprinkling and circuit of the church, symbolizing holy baptism and the triple immersion into its saving waters, was made by the Bishop, clergy and people, after which the bishop, his attendants, the choir and the workman, who cemented the stone that closes the sepulchre of the relics, entered the church ; but all the other clergy and people remained without. Whilst the bishop consecrated the interior of the church, Rt. Rev. Monsignor James Lynch, D. D., L. L. D., M. R., of Utica, N. Y., preached eloquently to the faithful who were outdoors, explaining to them the ceremony of consecration.

The inside walls received a three-fold sprinkling like that of the exterior. The bishop also blessed the water, ashes, salt, wine and mortar used in the consecration, then with these sanctified elements, he blessed the altars, floor and walls of the church. After this, a procession was formed, headed by the cross and followed by the bishop and the clergy who marched to the place where the relics were left the night before. After incensing the relics and praying before them, a procession was formed anew, headed by two acolytes bearing lighted candles, then came the cross-bearer, followed by the clergy singing the proper antiphons. After them walked four priests carrying the bier with the relics, preceded by a thurifer and torch-bearers ; then came the



INTERIOR OF NEW ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

bishop fully vested, finally his attendants and the other clergy closed the procession. The door of the church being reached, the bishop preceded by two acolytes, the cross-bearer, the thurifer and the priests bearing the relic-bier, left the choir singing at the church door and marched round the church with the relics, the people and clergy following. After this, the bishop addressed the people reminding them of the sacredness of a consecrated church and their obligations towards respecting and supporting it. Then the arch-deacon read the decrees of the Holy Council of Trent, which proclaim anathema against all professors and usurpers of sacred things. The bishop then rose and traced a cross with holy chrism on either side of the church door, but on the outside, saying: In the name of the Father, of the Son, of the Holy Ghost. O gate, be thou blessed, hallowed, consecrated, signed with the cross, and made over to the Lord God., etc. This prayer being said, the bishop, clergy and people solemnly entered the church preceded by the relics, cross-bearer, thurifer and torch-bearers. The relics were then placed in the sepulchres of the altars and sealed with cement by John Hagen. Bishop Gabriels, of Ogdensburg, then consecrated the main altar, bishop Ludden, of Syracuse, St. Joseph's altar, and Arch-bishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, that of the blessed Virgin. After this, the twelve crosses were annointed.

The three altars being consecrated, the bishops retired to the vestry room and meanwhile the church was

duly prepared for mass. Bishop Ludden vested in full pontificals marched out to celebrate mass preceded by the cross-bearer, the bishops, the priests and all the officers of the mass wearing their respective vestments. They entered the middle door and solemnly walked thro' the main aisle to the altar. Very Rev. J. Conroy, V. G. acted as Arch-priest, Frs. William Rossiter and F. X. Chagnon as deacons of honor, Frs. E. G. Brice as deacon of the mass, and Fr. J. E. Derome as sub-deacon. Rev. H. Mayer as thurifer, Rev. Z. Peloquin, M. S. H. and Rev. A. J. Viger, O. S. A., as acolytes, and Rev. N. Demers, of Montreal, as grand master of ceremonies. As the clergy entered the church, Kapp's orchestra of Syracuse played the processional. Farmer's mass in B^b was sung by a choir of forty voices, sustained by Kapp's orchestra and under the skillful direction of H. J. West. Prof. Geo. H. Fisher presided at the organ. The mass all through was most solemn and the singing fine. The Most Rev. J. L. Duhamel, Arch-bishop of Ottawa, preached a masterly sermon. The church was filled to its utmost capacity and many were unable to gain admission into the church. There seemed to be nothing to mar the magnificence of the service. The terrific hail storm that had raged in the early morning had abated and the weather was cool and the church comfortable.

The following clergy were present :

The Most Rev J. T. Duhamel, Arch-bishop of Ottawa ;
Right Rev. Henry Gabriels, D. D. Bishop of Ogdens-



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burg, N. Y. ; Patrick A. Sudden, Bishop of Syracuse, N. Y. ; Mgr. James Lynch, D. D., Utica, Prot. Apost. Very Rev. Joseph Conroy, V. G., Ogdensburg ; Dean O'Driscoll, Canton ; Dean O'Rourke, Lowville ; Dean Rossiter, Malone ; Dean W. Kelly, Plattsburg ; Rev. A. L. Dufresne, Mineville ; M. D. Charbonneau, Keesville ; Jos. S. Tiernan, Camden ; F. X. Chagnon, Champlain ; B. J. McLaughlin, Copenhagen ; A. J. Viger, O. S. A., Carthage ; Joseph Pontur, Brownville ; J. L. St. Jacques, Harrisville ; A. Stephens, Madrid ; John F. McLaughlin, East Syracuse ; C. O'Mahony, M. S. H., Watertown ; A. Saurel, North Lawrence ; T. J. Mahoney, Sackets Harbor ; M. Despardins, Harrisville ; A. Murphy, Rome ; G. Belanger, Dannemora ; Thos. Fitzgerald, Massena ; F. Constanineau, Tupper Lake ; F. Laramee, Redford ; B. Granottier, Morrisonville ; James J. Lacey, Cape Vincent ; Z. Peloquin, M. S. H. Watertown ; F. Blanchard, Malone ; C. A. Barrick, Ogdensburg ; E. G. Brice, Brushton ; Thos. Plunkett, Ogdensburg ; Fr. Crowley, Rossie ; Jn. Roache, Evans Mills ; J. E. Derome, Lafargeville ; U. Larose, Ogdensburg ; Fr. Mignerou, Ogdensburg ; Fr. Adams, Montreal, P. Q. ; V. Larose, Marieville ; Jn. B. McGarry, Rutland, V. T. ; J. Ducharme, Contrecoeur, P. Q. ; H. Mayer, P. S. Garand, Clayton, N. Y., Fr. Demers, Montreal.

After the mass, all the priests betook themselves to the depot dock where the steamer *Islander* was in waiting to carry them to Round Island. The banquet was given at Hotel Frontenac and it was first class in every

particular. The menu was dainty and elaborate and service perfect. Kapp's orchestra furnished music and singing during the banquet. The banquet lasted two hours and a half, after which the priests and bishops returned to Clayton on the steamer St. Lawrence. At 8 o'clock p. m. the bishops and priests formed a procession in the vestry room and solemnly marched into the church through the middle door and aisle. After the procession had filed in and all were seated, the choir sang: Regna Terrae then the Right Rev. Henry Gabriels preached eloquently on the sacrament of confirmation. Ninety-two candidates were confirmed. As these marched toward the bishop, each accompanied by his Godfather or God-mother, they presented a most touching scene. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed. The church illuminated with its colored lights, its altars radiant with candles and cut flowers, its hundred of worshipers kneeling in adoration, presented a most heavenly sight never to be obliterated from the memory of those present.

This closed the most memorable event that ever occurred in the annals of this parish and not likely to occur again for years to come. Never will the old or young forget the pomp, the grandeur, the magnificence of this great solemnity. It will be alive not only in the memory of the present, but of generations to come. Never will the parishoners of St. Mary's church tire speaking of this unique festive day.



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CHAPTER XVII.

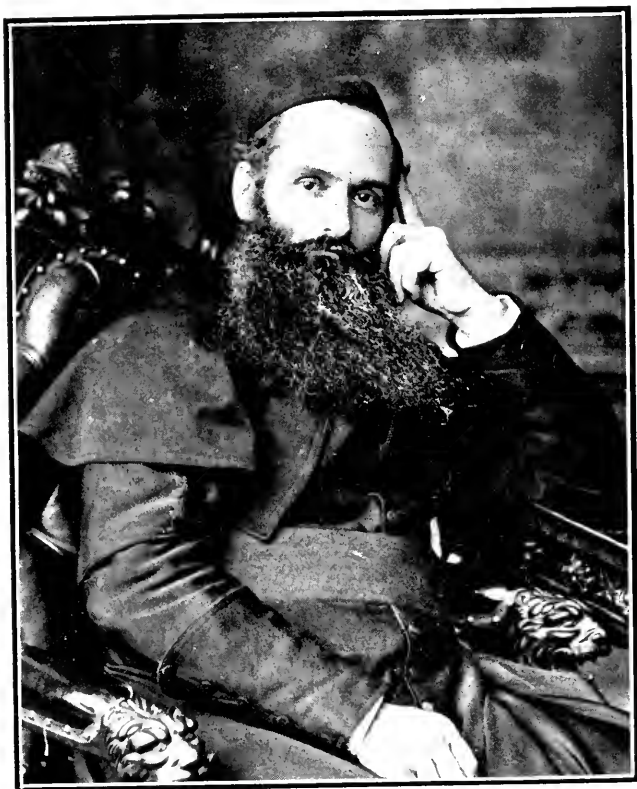
Rt. Rev. Bishop Theophilus Mayer, Rev. Richard Fitzgerald and Rev. Sister St. Gabriels.

St. Mary's parish is justly proud of a few of its children. It has given to the church a bishop, a priest, a sister of charity and according to all probabilities, it will soon count among the number of these elite a Christian brother, Edward McKinley, son of George and Margaret McKinley and a sister of St. Joseph, Hellen Delaney, daughter of Patrick and Mary Delaney.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Theophilus Mayer, D. D., of Duferno was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1850. His parents names were : Joseph Mayer and Marceline Yoth. The former died when the bishop was only five years old. Mrs. Mayer with her family moved to St. Joseph's Island, Canada, stayed there a short time then came to Clayton, where she spent a few years and finally she moved to Gananoque where she died. After his mother's death, bishop Mayer, then ten years old, returned to Clayton with his youngest sister, now Mrs. S. B. Barker. He hired out to Cyrus Ackert and at the same time went to Corp's district school No 16. After spending several years in this good family, he accepted the

position of clerk in Dr. Ellis drug store and attended the Clayton village public school. Three or four years of arduous work were spent in this way, then he went to the seminary at Belleville, N. Y., where he earned his schooling by working for Principal, J. D. Houghton. He stayed in this seminary until it burnt down, then followed Principal Houghton to Oneida seminary. He remained in Oneida until 1872, then went to the Sulpician college in Montreal and graduated from that institution.

Here as in every place he studied, bishop Mayer earned his education by teaching English. From this place he went to St. Joseph's foreign missionary society at Mill Hill, London, England, where he took a course of five years in philosophy and Theology and was ordained there in 1877. Soon after his ordination, he was sent to India as a missionary priest and labored most zealously all through the interior of that vast country. Whilst preaching the gospel, he studied the language of the aborigines and succeeded in mastering the following: Telugu, Tamul, Canarese. His knowledge of French, English, Latin, Greek and the above dialects fitted him for a teacher of high repute and on account of this, he was made Principal of St. Mary's college in Madras India. In this institution his learning and ability as a professor and his great virtue as a priest soon attracted the attention of the Bishop of Madras who made him his vicar general, an honor obtained for the first time by an American. In August, 1884, he went to London



RIGHT REV. BISHOP THEOPHILUS MAYER

Born in Canada in 1850, reared at Clayton, ordained priest at Mill Hill, London, in 1877, consecrated Bishop of Madras, India, Nov. 4, 1894 and died at Singapore, British Is., south of Malay, Pen., Sept. 3, 1900.

to attend a general assembly of St. Joseph's foreign mission society and was delegated by his bishop to lecture in the United States in behalf of the society. It was then that he visited America, his native country for the last time. He came to Clayton in 1885, and to the great edification of both protestants and Catholics, he lectured in St. Mary's church for a whole week. Abundant were the tears that his friends and relatives shed during his touching lectures.

Father Mayer was consecrated bishop of Madras, Nov. 4, 1894, and died Sept. 3, 1900, in Singapore whither he had gone for the benefit of his health. His remains were taken back to Madras for burial.

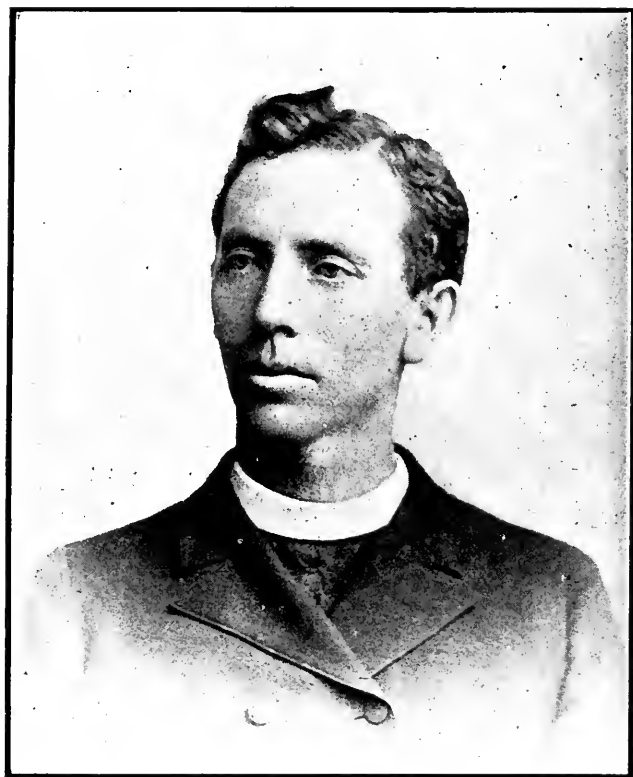
"Bishop Mayer was tall and commanding in presence, having a well-chiseled countenance prominent forehead, piercing black eyes and a flowing beard, in whose inky blackness may be seen a trace of white. There is a simple dignity about the man that is as charming as it rare. In a word he is a man whom one would be led to trust and respect upon first appearance, and grow prouder of his friendship the longer one knows him."

Another glorious son of St. Mary's parish is Rev. Richard Fitzgerald. He was born in Clayton August 25, 1853. his parents names were Rodie Fitzgerald and Ann Blake. As the latter became an invalid when Fr. Fitzgerald was ten months old, he was taken in charge and raised by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hayes, who are still living. From childhood, Richard had an ardent desire to become a priest, but insuperable difficulties seem to be in

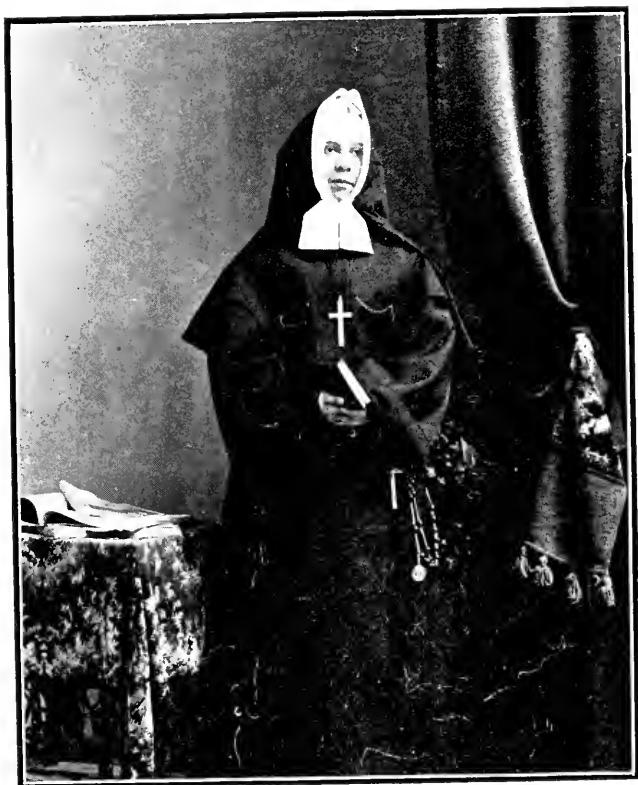
his way. He was poor and untalented, and for this reason, nobody, not even his friends took an interest in his education. He stood alone in his struggle against all sorts of difficulties, yet his undaunted courage never failed him even when all hopes seemed to be lost. He labored through the day and studied through the night until one or two o'clock in the morning. Never could the dissuading words of friends or relatives make him desist from his studies. He felt he had a vocation for the holy priesthood and although great and numerous were his trials, he was confident that he would some day ascend the altar of God to offer up the holy sacrifice of the mass.

He first went to District school No 14 in the McCarn district, which he attended for several years. His progress was slow, but his desire to become a priest grew stronger as he advanced in years. He worked a few years for wages and after saving a few hundred dollars he went to Ellicott city, Maryland, where he studied two years. From there he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he worked for his cousin John Hunt, and at the same time attended the brothers' school. After earning a few dollars in this way, he went to St. Viator's college, Bourbonnais Grove, Kaukakee, Co., Ill.

He spent four years in this institution, then was admitted in Mt. St. Mary's seminary, Cincinnati, O., where he was ordained by Most Rev. Wm. H. Elder, D. D. June 21, 1893. Immediately after his ordination, he was stationed at St. Theresa's Pro-cathedral, Cincinnati,



REV. RICHARD J. FITZGERALD
BORN IN CLAYTON AUG. 25, 1853, ORDAINED AT CINCINNATI, O
JUNE 21, 1893, DIED AT HASTINGS, NEB., FEB. 1, 1896.



REV. SISTER ST. GABRIEL, NÉE CELIA FITZGERALD
Born in Clayton, May 8, 1878, made her profession in the Convent of the Sisters of
Misericorde, Montreal, P. Q., Jan. 16, 1899.

as assistant and remained there one year. He was then appointed pastor at Hastings, Neb., where he remained until he died, Feb. 1, 1896.

He died a martyr to duty and was buried in that locality. Few young men can boast of having accomplished more than Fr. Fitzgerald with so little at his command and with all sorts of seemingly unsurmountable difficulties. He is a striking example of undaunted courage and of unflinching perseverence. May he find many imitators among the young men of the present and future generations.

The only sister of charity of which Clayton can boast is Rev. sister St. Gabriels. She was born in Clayton, May 8, 1878. Her father's name was Michael Fitzgerald and that of her mother, Sarah Duford. She attended Clayton High school six years, then the Upper school, Grindstone Island, one year and finally followed the courses of a private school taught by a certain Mrs. Craig. She entered religion Oct. 18, 1896, at eighteen years old, took the Holy Habit April 27, 1897, and was professed Jan. 16, 1899. After her profession, she stayed three weeks at the Convent of the Sisters of Misericorde, Dorchester, and St. Hubert's Sts., Montreal, P. Q. then was sent to Winnipeg, where she labored zealously for two years. As the climate there was too severe for her delicate constitution, the Mother Superior brought her back to Montreal where she doctored and rested for eight months. After that time, she was sent to the convent of the Sisters of Misericorde, E. 86th St., New

York city, where she is still residing at this present writing.

Pious, kind, jovial, bright were the traits that characterized Celia Fitzgerald in the world and which make sister St. Gabriels a favorite in the community of the Sisters of Misericorde. May God through her prayers and example grant that St. Mary's parish become more fruitful in religious vocations, so that a future chronicle be able to record more priests, nuns and religious than I have been able to do. This is the most ardent wish and sincerest prayer of the author of this historical sketch.

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